

Grand Special January Sale!!

BEGINS TODAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 17th
And continues to and including January 21st.

12 Days in which to take advantage of the
Greatest Bargains ever offered in Med-
ford

And when we say bargains, we mean it, and
you can rest assured that you will find every ar-
ticle as represented. Below we quote prices on
the articles for the first sale week beginning to-
day Friday

27-inch all wool Tricots, in Blue, Gray, Lavender
Pink and Green. These are very good for
Waists, Dressing saques and Wrappers
**Regular 30 to 35c Values,
SALE PRICE, 19c**

36-inch all wool Zibilene in two shades of Gray
and Brown. Just the thing for suits or
skirts. Regular 50c goods
SALE PRICE, 23c

Ladies' Corduroy Waists, yoke front and back,
colors Red, Blue and Tan; regular \$6 waist.
SALE PRICE, \$3.95

J. G. Van Dyke & Co

MEDFORD, OREGON

CITY HAPPENINGS.

—A. Z. Sears brought in a small
piece of coal from the mine being pros-
pected by the Southern Pacific Com-
pany, east of Medford. We tried it in
an ordinary box stove and it burned
just like the real Pennsylvania article,
giving a clear, bright flame, and leav-
ing very little residue. There is scarcely
any doubt but that the company will
find what they are looking for, and one
more paying industry will be added to
the already long list of Southern Ore-
gon products. Work has been some-
what delayed, owing to nonarrival of
needed machinery, but that difficulty
is being removed, daily almost, by the
arrival of tools, etc. A cut sixty feet
in length has been run, also about
thirty feet of tunnel, and several small
veins of coal have already been found,
from which the piece above mentioned
came. The pumping and hoisting ma-
chinery was placed in position this
week, and the car track will be laid at
once, after which it is expected that
the work will advance rapidly. Mon-
day the tools for the blacksmith shop,
including both a portable forge and a
bellows, arrived. Ten men are now
employed on the work. A report brought
in from the mine Wednesday was in ef-
fect that in a tunnel, twelve feet from
the opening, a six-inch vein of coal had
been struck and that it was widening
out as the tunnel grew in extent. The
coal is even better than any vein yet
struck.

—Miss Lou Downing, of San Fran-
cisco, an experienced dressmaker, has
opened dressmaking parlors at her
father's home, on valley road, near M.
E. parsonage.

—When a streak of ill luck maps its
course for a fellow's trail that fellow
just as well call it all off and go
away back and sit down until old ill
luck loses his trail. A couple of weeks
ago Mr. Goraline had a smash-up in his
Anderson creek mill. Several heavy
castings were broken. These were re-
cast and were shipped, but one was
lost in shipping, and those that arrived
were not a fit and had to be made over
by Mr. Gault, the Medford machinist,
and in the work of remodeling them
one of the heaviest pieces fell into a
deep well and the water had to be

pumped out before it could be recovered.
There is a Jonah hanging around
somewhere—"and it's a hootin' and
a hootin'."

—Dr. Goble will be at the Hotel Nash
on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Those wishing
to consult him about their eyes will
please call at the hotel. This will be
Dr. Goble's last office day in Medford
for five weeks. Consultation free.

—Sunday afternoon as northbound
through freight No. 222 was pulling
into Medford station, a drawhead on
the second car from the engine broke,
parting the train. The broken casting
fell on the track, the car passing over
it, but the next car, a wood rack, was
thrown from the rails and plowed along
on the ties for some distance. The car,
being empty, was held close to the rails
by the one in front and those behind
until the train stopped, thus prevent-
ing what might have been quite a bad
smash-up. One broken drawhead and
a few smashed ties was the sum total of
the damages.

—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
eaten. Arnold & Barneburg, proprie-
tors of the City Market.

—The season so far has not been a
favorable one for placer miners. Not
enough moisture has fallen to ensure a
supply of water for continued opera-
tions, and the frosty weather now pre-
vailing has cut the present supply short.
This condition of affairs is the hardest
upon the small miners and does not
materially effect operations in the big
mines like the Sterling, and others, as
these properties do not depend upon
local supply. The small miner, too, is
the man who participates most directly
in the general prosperity of the com-
munity. All the gold he takes out is
spent in the valley, while the big mines,
owned to a great extent by non-resi-
dents, leave but comparatively small
part of their output here. THE MAIL
hopes that Jupiter Pluvius will take a
notion to be kind in a short time and
give the miners a good run for the bal-
ance of the season.

—Well rooted Black Melrose grapes;
two years old; for sale at my vineyard
on Jackson creek. C. D. Reed.

—M. Armstrong, who in company
with other parties, has bonded the
Jackson and Baker proposition in the
Shelley creek district, just across the
line in Del Norte County, Calif., is in
Medford this week with some speci-
mens from the mine. He says that he
and his partners are as floored over
their bond as a boy with his first pair
of copper-toed boots; and if the indica-
tions count for anything they surely
have a right to be happy. The speci-
men shown by Mr. A. is a dark-grayish
piece of rock with no outside appear-
ance, to the inexperienced eye, of be-
ing particularly valuable; but it weighs
more to its inches than most any rock
THE MAIL scribe ever had anything to
do with. It is what is known as iron
sulphide, containing gold and some of
it is extremely rich, running from \$90
to \$70 to the ton. The ledge has a shaft
on it about seventy-five feet deep and
there are over 3000 tons of the high
grade ore blocked out and in sight, and
any amount of low grade ore, the
amount of which has not been estimated.
The best ore as above noted, goes from
\$90 to \$70, but the whole body will aver-
age from \$15 to \$20. In this same
Shelley creek country, Jas. White and
Ed. Moore have found a free gold prop-
osition, which is almost too rich for
belief. They have followed it along
the surface for several hundred feet
and the only thing necessary in order
to get a big prospect, is to scrape up a
panful of decomposed quartz and dirt
from anywhere along the outcrop, take
it down to the creek, wash it out and
there you are. They think they have
a bonanza and if reports are true it
looks very much like it. Mr. Arm-
strong, our authority for the above,
says Shelley creek is the coming coun-
try. Although in California all sup-
plies for the various camps are shipped
in from Oregon, thus making it tribu-
tary to and really a part of the great
Rogue River valley.

—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 plant-
ing 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.

—Some few years ago W. P. Dodge
began raising popcorn for the trade of
Southern Oregon. Only an acre or two
was planted the first year, but this was
insufficient to fill the demand, and
each year the acreage has been in-
creased until last year fifteen acres
were planted—and still the demand
was greater than the supply, and an-
other season he will plant twenty acres.
Mr. Dodge grows popcorn that pops
every kernel of it. It is all hand se-
lected and neatly put up in attractive
bags—and finds ready sale in all the
towns of the valley. The above item
demonstrates the possibility of build-
ing up a good, profitable business from
a seeming unimportant feature or prod-
uct. There are other small industries
which could be developed in our valley
and made to pay a handsome revenue.

—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.

—Coos County has a smallpox epi-
demic in a mild form, and a number of
cases are reported from Marshfield and
Coquille City, some of them quite seri-
ous, although there have been as yet
few fatalities. In Marshfield one death
has occurred out of 250 cases. Schools
in both towns have been closed and a
strict quarantine established. Small-
pox differs from most epidemics in be-
ing essentially a cold climate disease.
It is present, of course, in warm climates
but does not attain its most virulent
form until transported to higher lati-
tudes. Then it may appear in a mild
form the first time, but gradually in-
creases in strength the longer it runs
unless checked by radical measures.

—Wells & Shearer have the best
equipped outfit for drying and house-
hold moving in Medford. See them
when need the services of a good drying
outfit.

—The southbound passenger train
due in Medford at 11:45 Thursday night
of last week was wrecked near Myrtle
Creek. The engine, mail and express
and baggage cars left the rails and all
were badly demoralized. Engineer
Connolly was badly burned and bruised
and Fireman Jones had an arm and
leg broken. Three hoboes were on the
blind baggage, but escaped without a
scratch. One other "Weary Willie"
was on the trucks of the mail car, which
was the most badly damaged of any of the
cars. He also was unhurt and rode out
on the trucks of the next southbound
train.

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

—Chas. Sears, a half breed, and Chas.
Rhodes, a disreputable character of
Henley, Calif., became involved in a
quarrel over a woman at that place on
Saturday morning last, and the former
was shot twice by the latter, one bullet
entering the stomach just below the
heart. After receiving this probably
fatal wound, Sears picked up an iron
cudgel and beat his assailant so se-
verely that he is not expected to live.

—The Queen of Hayti Company played
to a crowded house in Medford last
Monday evening. The opera house
was even better filled than when this
same company was here in October.
At that time the door receipts were
\$212. This is unquestionably the best
colored aggregation that has ever visited
Medford. There is fun from commence-
ment to finish—genuine, laughable fun
—nothing warmed over—every line and
act original and worth provoking.
Since the company's visit here in Oc-
tober it has played to an immense busi-
ness in California, and Mr. J. E. George,
the manager, made fairly good wages.
From August 12, 1901, to January 1,
1902, his net profits were \$6215.15.
From a week's engagement at the Cali-
fornia theatre in San Francisco the
door receipts showed \$3611.50; a week
in Los Angeles, \$3289.15; two nights in
San Jose, \$773.50; two nights in Oak-
land, \$705; three nights in Eureka,
\$1616.75. These figures were shown us
by Mr. George and are from his private
account book, and are here printed to
show the unrelatable source from which
our contemporary down the street se-
cures its news—it having given out
last week that the company "went
home" in California after leaving here
last October.

—My stock of boots and shoes is com-
plete and is undoubtedly the best se-
lected stock in Medford, and my prices
are all right. I also sell groceries, pat-
ent medicines, cigars and stationery.
Shoe repair shop in connection. W. L.
Orr, West Side, Medford.

—At this season of the year the ex-
port trade from Medford falls to its
lowest point—all but a few cars of fruit
has been shipped; grain, hay and other
products have about all been marketed;
but the imports of merchandise, etc.,
during the first half of the month have
been considerably greater than during
the same time last year. It, of course,
is not well that imports should exceed
exports, but an increase in the former
indicates that there has been enough
of the latter to provide the where-
withal to pay the bills, which indica-
tion, in the case of Medford, is borne
out by the facts.

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

—D. B. Solias:—"Here is the price of
a year's subscription to THE MAIL and
Oregonian, also a four month's sub-
scription to THE MAIL for my daugh-
ter, Miss Nettie, who is visiting her
sister, Mrs. J. H. Clark, at Los Angeles.
Mrs. Solias and Nettie went to San
Francisco on the excursion and extended
their visit to Los Angeles, where Nettie
will remain for a few months. Mrs. S.
is now at home again. Before leaving
Nettie said, 'Be sure and send me THE
MAIL every week, and I will not get
homesick—it will be like getting a
letter from home.'"

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

—The Southern Pacific Railroad
Company this week has been making
some improvements in its yard facili-
ties in Medford. What is known as the
oil spur has been a source of consider-
able annoyance to trainmen on account
of the heavy curve on which it leaves
the main sidetrack, making it hard to
get in and out. This spur has been
lengthened, so as to connect with the
sidetrack farther along and conse-
quently straightened. This will not
only save wear and tear on trainmen's
tempers, but prove a source of satisfac-
tion to fruit men next season, as quite
a bit of the loading of fruit cars is done
on this spur during the season.

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

—John B. Taylor, who came here a
couple of months ago from Montana,
has been appointed a commissioner by
the governor of that state. He has
also been appointed to the same posi-
tion by the governor of Missouri. This
may be quite an advantage to parties
living here who might have legal busi-
ness to transact in either of these states
as they can appear before him and
make affidavits to any legal document
and it will fill the bill as completely as
it would if taken in either of the states
named. His commission also empowers
him to take depositions.

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

—G. W. Owings, of Gold Hill, has
been stopping in Medford the past
week assisting his nephew, G. F. Ow-
ings, in operating the Elite Studio,
which was purchased a few weeks ago
from Mr. Hunter. Mr. Owings is do-
ing a splendid business at his gallery
and as he is a very honorable young
man, fair in his dealings and an artist
of ability there is every reason for pre-
dicting his success.

Myers, the Jeweler,
Sells and Repairs
**Diamonds,
Watches, Rings,
Clocks and
Jewelry**
Cheaper than anyone
in Jackson County

"Here Goes! The Jig's up!"
And we have inaugurated a
great cut-price sale on fine tai-
lored-to-measure garments

Some suits one dollar less than
formerly, some two dollars less
--some three, four, five, six, sev-
en, eight, nine--yes, some TEN
dollars less!

We have just had instructions from The Royal Tailors, Chi-
cago, U. S. A., advising us of these most marvelous reductions
on their superb line Imported and Domestic Woolens—novelty
suitings, fancy worsteds, fancy cassimeres, overcoatings and
fancy vestings—the staples, as well as the novelties—and we
offer them to our patrons on the same liberal basis.

What do you think of the idea of an all-wool suit made to
your measure and guaranteed proper in style, fit and make at
\$13.00 to \$15.00?

Better ones for a little more—but no matter what the
price may be, the best every time that was ever bought for
the same money.

During this sale we show 400 different patterns in fash-
ionable goods for men and boys

Opportunity knocks once at every man's door; listen and
you'll hear him hammering now

W. H. Meeker & Co
MEDFORD, OREGON

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Red, Black and Blue, Roman strap Shippers for Babies; and for the
Ladies, some very noble street and dress boots
A full stock of Millers' Leather Soled Rubber Boots
TAYLOR the FOOT FITTER and Shoe Doctor
7th Street Medford

—In a letter to the Klamath Falls
Republican, Capt. O. C. Applegate,
Klamath Indian agent, announces the
raising of the quarantine on the reser-
vation, as follows: "As no cases of
smallpox having been reported since
the last person who had the disease in
Klamath Falls was released on the 29th
day of December last, I have decided to
withdraw all quarantine restrictions on
the Klamath Reservation on the 14th
inst. unless new cases shall be reported
in the meantime."

—Plows sharpened, pointed and laid
in first-class shape. Purdie's black-
smith shop, B street.

—H. D. Austin:—"Yes, sir, my busi-
ness is first class in every way. I am
keep hustling to get in enough stuff to
keep my customers supplied. Why, I
am very much surprised that the flour
and feed business amounts to as much
as it does. Yes, we have free delivery
and a telephone. Easiest thing in the
world to place an order with. You
press the button, we do the rest."

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

—Miss Minnie Cox gave a pretty and
enjoyable little party at her home on
North C street last Friday evening. A
delicious luncheon was served while
music and what were the leading
features of the evening. Those present
were Misses Bradbury, Merriman, Bel-
linger and Little, Messrs. Barksdull,
Parker Van Dyke, Mahoney and Cor-
—Ten per cent discount on entire
stock at Gurnea's.

—Platinum in paying quantities has
recently been discovered in the Dry
Diggings district near Grants Pass,
and considerable interest is being taken
by mining men. The metal is found
in more or less quantities all over the
mining districts of Southern Oregon,
but little attention has been paid to it
heretofore.

—Dr. Kirchgessner's office and resi-
dence are now in the Lindley block.

—Attorney C. P. Snell's eighteen-
months-old child, which has been ill
since Christmas, has entirely recovered.
The child's illness is attributed to its
having eaten candy at Christmas time
which had been poisoned by the color-
ing used in its compounding.

—Come early before stock is picked.
Clothing out at Gurnea's.

—Lake County enjoys the lowest tax
levy of any county in the first judicial
district, the total levy for all county
purposes being .6210 mills. This with
the 8 mills state tax, makes a total of
8.21 mills. Jackson County pays 26
mills and Josephine 30.

—Three more weeks at Gurnea's.

—Ed. Russ:—"Everything is moving
along very nicely at the mill. I have
recently put in some new machinery
and have overhauled some that was al-
ready in. During the first nine days of
January the mill ground seven full
days. That's not so bad."

—For Sale—Plymouth Rock roosters.
Inquire at this office.

—An ore body has recently been
struck in the Deer Horn mine in Gold
Hill district, which averages \$70 per
ton in free gold and sulphurets, and
runs about thirty-two inches in width.

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

—Born—On Friday, January 10, 1902,
to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Halley, a son.

Weeks Bros.

FURNITURE

Store, Office and
Bar Fixtures
Made to Order
West Seventh Street
MEDFORD - OREGON

For Sale.

One thoroughbred male hog, 2 brood
sows and 14 pigs for sale, at Mrs. Mc-
Farren's old place, on Griffin creek.
CHARLES THUMBERG.

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 Cent-
Point, on Eagle Point road. Will sell
whole chunk or any number of acres pur-
chaser may want. Wm. Gibbons.
Central Point, Oregon.

BIG PREMIUM OFFER

This week we wish to
especially stimulate
trade. Therefore, with
every

**\$1.50 Cash
Purchase**

we are going to give
you absolutely free, a
"Southern Oregon" cal-
endar. This is an ele-
gant Black or Brown
shaded board, having
an actual scene on Ve-
lox paper mounted
thereon; the whole sus-
pended with ribbon.
Suitable for mailing to
Eastern friends.

Are you in on this?

The biggest Cash Trade
Offer yet

**MEDFORD BOOK
STORE**

Mail Order House

The Yellow Front

WE HAVE RESOLVED

That during 1902 we will do more business than ever
before. To do this we must have the goods, and we've
got 'em, the most complete 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.

MEDFORD, OREGON