

Special Skirt Sale

This week we are offering as a special our entire stock of Ladies' Dress and Rainy Day Skirts at greatly reduced prices. Remember these prices are for one week only, beginning today, Friday, January 31, and continuing to and including Thursday, February 6

All our regular \$7.50 Skirts for the next week only at **Special Sale Price of \$5.45**

Our regular \$5.00 Skirts for the next week, or while they last at **Special, only \$3.50**

Our Special \$3.50 Skirts, always an extra value for the money, for the next six days, **Special at \$2.25**

Our regular \$2.50 Skirt. **Special Sale Price, \$1.95**

J. G. Van Dyke & Co
MEDFORD, OREGON

CITY HAPPENINGS.

—It is simply a matter of finding enough of it at the site of the old Perry coal mine, east of Medford, where the Southern Pacific Company is prospecting for the "dusky diamonds"—the quality is there. The incline shaft is in seventy feet from the facing of the cut, which is twenty-five feet deep, making about eighty-five feet in all. A fourteen-inch vein of good coal has been struck, the product from which is being used in the engine running the hoisting machinery and also in the cook stove of the boarding house. They don't use wood for heating or cooking purposes in that camp at all. With depth it is expected that the coal vein will grow larger, in fact, it is almost certain to do so, until a body of coal of sufficient size to make its mining for commercial purposes profitable is found. Mr. Owen has a long career as a successful developer of propositions of this kind, and has his first failure to experience yet. From the indications presented here he is very sanguine that this will not be the place where his record will be broken. That there is a large deposit of coal in that vicinity is morally certain, and, as the machinery for all necessary operations will be forthcoming on demand, the success of the proposition appears to be merely a matter of time—and digging. The tunnel, or, more properly speaking, incline shaft, enters the earth at an angle of about twenty degrees, and is not a "prospector" tunnel, but built for work. Everything done so far at the mine has been on the most substantial scale, so that when the main body of coal is struck, everything will be in shape for successful prosecution of the work. The drills, derricks and portable engine for drilling and testing the extent of the ore-bed are on the way and are expected any time.

—You orchardists who are going to need spray hose this year ought not to overlook the fact that I have a good stock on hand and that it is all NEW hose, bought and delivered this year, not last. Let me make you prices. H. G. Nicholson.

—Thursday evening of last week was usual entertainment night with the Eastern Star lodge of this city. The committee which had the entertainment in charge consisted of Mesdames C. I. Hutchinson, L. J. Sears, D. H. Miller, C. Strang, and Dr. E. B. Pickel and Fred Hurd. The amusing feature was the illustrated advertisement contest. Twenty illustrations were taken from the advertisements found in a late number of a leading magazine. These were cut out and pinned to the wall of the lodge room. To each of the guests

present was given a card upon which they were to write the names of the firms and the businesses which each of the illustrations was supposed to represent. Mesdames Fred Luy and W. S. Jones were awarded first prize, a box of fine stationery, among the lady contestants, and Mrs. E. D. Elwood the consolation prize. Among the gentlemen contestants Dr. Bundy, H. H. Howard, G. L. Davis and W. H. McGowan tied for first prize. These cast lots and Mr. Howard won out, taking the prize, a beautiful book. Other features of entertainment were a solo by Miss Pearl Webb, a recitation by Mrs. Katie Angie, and delicious refreshments of coffee, cakes, salads, nuts and candies. There were about fifty present—and all voted the evening one of the most pleasant they had ever enjoyed.

—Asbestos fire and water-proof gloves, driving gloves, buckskin and horsehide working gloves, at Woodford's Shoe Store. Gloves that are double-lined—that is, you can wear them a while on one side and then turn them over and give the other side a wear. The first mentioned now in stock, the reversible ones will be here shortly.

—G. F. Palm:—"You ask, can good cigar tobacco be raised in Jackson County? With reasonable care and cultivation, yes. Now, here is a sample of tobacco raised by Clem Parker, on the edge of town. It is first class in every respect. Here is some more raised near Phoenix that is also of good quality. The trouble was last year we got our plants into the hands of some parties who would not take the necessary trouble and as a consequence, they failed to produce anything. Everyone who took care of the plants and understood the business made a good showing. There are only a few states in the Union where good cigar tobacco can be raised and I think that Jackson County is one of the favored localities. Yes, we are going to continue the experiment this year. We will put out several thousand plants ourselves and besides will furnish seed and a limited number of plants to parties, whom we are certain will take proper care of them. I see no reason why the tobacco industry should not become a factor in the development of Southern Oregon."

—Ladies' rubber boots—just the thing for this kind of weather—at Woodford's Shoe Store.

—One of the business enterprises which Medford most needs is a foundry. We have a first-class machine shop and a machinist of wide reputation operating it, the same being Mr. M. M. Gault, but he is handicapped to quite an extent by not having a foundry in connection with his machine shop. This addition would not only be a paying investment in itself, but it would materially enhance Mr. Gault's business, and

the two would work so well together that nothing short of a crowning success would be the result. A foundry of sufficient size to meet all present demands could be put in for \$500 or \$600 and we know of no more profitable investment of that amount of money. Some of you fellows who have money rusting in the vault should look into this matter, and while you are making an investment that will pay a good dividend you will be boosting on the wheel that will help Medford on to greater achievements and prominence. It is the little things like a foundry, cigar factory, cannery, and a dozen others, of like nature that make a city one worthy the name.

—Gloves for men and boys—at Woodford's Shoe Store.

—The concert given last Saturday evening by H. M. Coss, proprietor of the Coss Piano House, was one of the very best musical entertainments ever put on in Medford. Those of the local musicians who assisted were Mrs. E. E. Gore, Mrs. W. I. Vawter, Misses Webb, Pearl Webb, Mabel Jones and Mr. Carl Webb. These are all musicians of considerable local renown and their renditions are always pleasant to listen to, but it is said that upon this occasion many of them excelled by far any of their former efforts. These people very generously gave their services to Mr. Coss for the evening for the sole purpose of encouraging his business and at the same time to give him an opportunity for advertising several new musical instruments which he has but recently put upon the market, and it is to be regretted that the attendance was not larger. Mr. Coss is endeavoring to build up a business in our city and our townspeople ought to be looking for opportunities to help him, especially because of the fact that he has a family to maintain and children to school. Saturday evening was anything but an evening in June as to temperature and this may have had much to do in keeping people at home as our opera house has not a very good reputation as a comfort-giver on a cool night.

—Gentle pony for sale cheap, or will trade. W. P. Dodge, Medford.

—Miss Mabel Wilson gave a whist party at the pleasant new home of her parents, on South O street, last Friday evening. The principal amusement was that of whist playing while a spider-web contest played on small part in the evening's good time. W. F. Isaacs won first prize in the whist contest and Lottie Little the consolation prize. In the spider-web contest Homer Rothman won first and Florence Toft consolation. After the games had been enjoyed to their fullest extent a fine luncheon of ice cream and cake was served. Those present were Misses Lottie Little, May Williams, Florence Toft, Fern Norris, Messrs. Homer Rothman, Ed. Van Dyke, W. F. Isaacs, Ray Bunch, Geo. Porter—and everybody declared Miss Mabel a capital entertainer, while Mr. and Mrs. Wilson did themselves proud in every way calculated to make the evening a pleasant one for their guests.

—Carriages and hacks repaired and painted at the West Side blacksmith shop.

—There is another livery stable in Medford. Messrs. D. T. Cox and Jos. Scott have formed a partnership and have launched in that business. They have leased the old Woolf building, corner North C and Sixth streets, and have overhauled the interior and remodeled it into a pretty good livery barn. They have put in eight new rigs, bought from Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Co., and as many good teams. Everything is new throughout—harness, robes, whips, surreys and hacks. Both these gentlemen are experts in the livery business and they are promising the public the best possible service at the most reasonable prices. THE MAIL's job book is well strung with job printing for this new firm which well advertises them far and near. The style of the firm will be Cox & Scott and their place will be known as the "C Street Livery Stable."

—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.

—In an article last week on the resources of Jackson County, in naming the products of this section, an important one, that of onions, was omitted. The omission was unintentional, but hard to explain, as it is difficult to imagine how anyone could overlook a Jackson County onion—couldn't it if it was anywhere around, unless he mistook it for a vegetable of much larger growth, a pumpkin, for instance—some of them are nearly as large. Jackson County onions are as palatable as her apples—you can eat one and then visit your best girl without creating any disturbance what ever, for the chances are nine to one that she has been indulging her weakness in like manner.

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

—The cold weather of the past few days was the most severe of Southern Oregon this season. Wednesday morn-

ing the thermometer stood at fourteen above zero. Many unprotected water pipes demanded the immediate attention of the plumber when the warm sun had thawed them out. At Seattle and Tacoma snow fell to quite a depth and traffic was practically closed for a day or two. In Portland several inches of snow fell, lakes and ponds were frozen over and skating and sleigh rides were indulged in quite plentifully. In the east blizzards have been raging, trains blocked and thermometers generally established a rivalry in their attempts to reach the lowest possible point.

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

—The lodge of Elks, of Roseburg, enjoyed a big "blow-out" on Thursday evening of this week. Over forty candidates for initiation were on hand for admission to the mysteries of the order from Jackson and Josephine Counties. The Medford candidates were Jeweler E. D. Elwood, Dr. J. E. Shearer, Postmaster G. F. Merriman, Attorney Narrigan, Station Agent W. V. Lippincott, Cashier J. E. Enyart, Landlord I. L. Hamilton, Capitalists J. D. Heard and Chas. Pierce and Drayman A. S. Wells, Orchardists John and Joe Olwell, of Central Point. The crowd from Jacksonville is mentioned elsewhere in these columns.

—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.

—E. E. Gore, salesman for Warner & Wortman, is a genius as a window decorator. In one of the store windows of the above named firm he recently manufactured, out of canned goods, a miniature representation of a battleship and with rock salt spread about the ship a good representation of dashing ocean waves was made. In the other window with cakes of soap he made a miniature representation of the big double front of the Warner & Wortman grocery establishment. No ground is left for doubt that Ed is an artist.

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

—Negotiations are pending to secure Rev. J. J. Walter, who has been holding revival services at the M. E. Church, to deliver his great lecture entitled, "Four Years Among Criminals," in Medford in the near future. At the close of the revival meetings Tuesday evening the large audience, by a rising vote, invited Mr. Walter to return and give his lecture under the auspices of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church. Further announcements will be made when the date is fixed and final arrangements are made.

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

—The stage line from Ukiah to Scotts, Calif., a distance of 140 miles, bears the heaviest service of any stage line in the United States outside of Alaska. It requires the use of 100 head of horses and \$7000 is invested in stock and vehicles, and from one to two and one-half tons of mail are carried each trip. Last June 2300 passengers were accommodated. Chilton, Yaden & Co., contractors for the Ashland-Klamath Falls line, conduct this one.

—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.

—Postmaster G. F. Merriman is the proud parent to an eleven pound boy, which came to his south C street home on Wednesday of this week, January 23, 1902. Mother and child are doing nicely and George hammers stamps with greater energy than ever before—while he hesitates long enough between clips to tell some inquiring friend that the little fellow grows more like his dad every day.

—We want all the eggs we can get; cash or trade. H. H. Howard & Co.

—The Ashland Iron Works had a narrow escape from being destroyed by fire on Saturday evening last. About 7 o'clock the roof was discovered to be ablaze. Timely assistance from the fire department and the private water works of the electric light company saved the plant, although it was pretty well deluged.

—One more week at Gurnea's.

—Died—In Medford, on Sunday, January 26, 1902, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Halley, aged sixteen days. Funeral services were held at the family residence on Monday. Interment in Odd Fellows cemetery.

—The Baker City Daily and Weekly Republican has suspended publication. This is the paper State Senator Alley founded a few years ago and was sold

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Stock and Implements for Sale.

I am offering for sale the following property at prices named:

One fine, young cow—Jersey and Durham—fresh March 1st, will sell for \$45; set good, heavy, eastern harness, with breeching, used one year, price \$28; ongules outfit, \$3; drop head sewing machine, nearly new, \$18; good sack, canopy top, used one year, \$30; beehive, \$1; also hand corn planter, hoes, rakes, shovel, and numerous other articles.

D. C. GRIM,
On Neff place, 1 1/2 miles southwest of Central Point.

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 Eagle Point road. Will sell whole chunk or any number of acres purchaser may want.
Wm. GIBSON,
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" calendar. This is an elegant Black or Brown shaded board, having an actual scene on Velox paper mounted thereon; the whole suspended with ribbon. Suitable for mailing to Eastern friends.

Are you in on this?

The biggest Cash Trade Offer yet

**MEDFORD BOOK
STORE**

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A Please Customer Is the Best Advertisement

We operate our store on the theory that it's better to satisfy a customer at any cost. If you are in the wrong you'll receive the benefit of the doubt.

Our motive in serving you well today is—we want your trade tomorrow.

Again, we assure you it's no trouble to show goods; it's almost as pleasant as selling them. Generally amounts to the same thing. If you want

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