

The Improved "Home Comfort"

Family and Hotel Ranges.

From Those Who Have Used Home Comfort Ranges.

We have used a Home Comfort 14 years with perfect satisfaction in every particular, and we recommend same to the general public as one of the best and cheapest in the long run on the market.

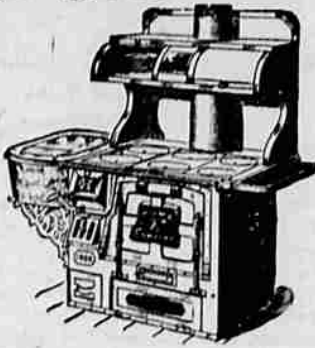
GEORGE F. MERRIMAN, Postmaster, Medford.

We have used a Home Comfort 14 years without one cent for repairs and it is in perfect condition. It is a fuel saver, a perfect baker, it pleases the housewife by making the kitchen work a pleasure instead of a drudge. It ought to be in every home and would be if understood.

J. M. HARRIS, Pullman, Wash.

Fourteen years ago we were induced to buy a Home Comfort which we are happy to say, did away with vexation and annoyance so frequently caused by the use of inferior stoves and ranges. Our neighbors and friends have nearly all bought the Home Comfort since, and are equally as well pleased. We are now thoroughly convinced of its merits and take pleasure in recommending same to the general public.

MR. AND MRS. J. B. RIDDLE, Riddle, Oregon.



A SEVERE TEST

Came Through Fire Without Serious Injury

(Ottawa, Ont.) Evening Journal, June 7, 1900.]

For a number of years the Wrought Iron Range Co., of St. Louis, Mo., have been manufacturing a range known as the Home Comfort, which they have guaranteed to be as nearly indestructible as human hands and brains could make them. This was amply demonstrated on April 24th last, when the great fire swept over Hull. Eight of these ranges were in the burnt district, but although they were for many hours subjected to the terrible heat, the falling walls and chimneys, the water which was thrown upon the buildings, they were each found in tact among the ruins. In one case, however, a cast iron pot, which had been left on the range, was found to have been melted and run over the top. The copper reservoirs were naturally melted by the terrible heat, and some of the lighter bracket work was bent by falling roofs and walls, but so far as the main body of the range was concerned, not a piece was warped, not a cover bent or a single plate cracked or broken.

It is the material employed and the method of making, which gives the Home Comfort Ranges this wonderful tenacity and strength. The material used is malleable iron, wrought steel and asbestos. Malleable iron has been shown by chemical and mechanical tests to have a heat-resisting power twelve and one-half times greater than that of cast iron. The frames, doors and all parts liable to strain or breakage are made of the material. The end flues and every vital part are all carefully lined with perfect asbestos, thus making a durable, strong and as nearly perfect a range as has yet been made by man or capable of being made.

The following testimony from the owners of the ranges in question carries with it complete confirmation and conviction: "We, the undersigned citizens of Hull, purchased Home Comfort ranges of the Wrought Iron Range Co., of St. Louis, Mo., previous to the recent great fire. During the terrible conflagration our ranges were subjected to the most intense heat, and we supposed they were totally destroyed; but upon examination we found the body of the ranges uninjured, not a piece warped or out of place. In one instance a cast iron kettle was melted on the malleable top. We have heard of no other ranges which survived our terrible visitation, and beyond question the Home Comfort range, so far as we are concerned, stands pre-eminent."

F. BERNIER, JOSEPH LAMORE, HERMAN LEGATLEY, H. PHILLIPS, WILLIE HARPER, CHAS. MOUSSEAU, W. N. MCCORMICK, CAMILLE DAMOUR."

OUR COUNTY

Correspondents

Communications from our several correspondents must reach this office not later than Wednesday noon to insure publication.

Central Point Items.

A. S. Jacobs made a business trip to Medford Tuesday.

Rev. McCain, of Medford, filled Rev. Lockhart's pulpit last Sunday.

Rev. Hollcroft will hold services in the Baptist church next Sunday, both morning and evening.

The Royal Neighbors intend giving an entertainment January 23. Further notice will appear later.

Ralph Roundtree went to Central, Washington, Friday evening, where he expects to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Moorehouse and daughter, Carrie, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting friends in Gold Hill.

Mrs. Bessie Carlton, of Eagle Point, went to Roseburg Friday to spend three weeks visiting her sister, Mrs. Paul Van Scoy.

T. T. Roundtree and family, who have been visiting J. Roundtree and family started Friday evening for their home in Lewis County, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Musty, of Spikenard, were in town Friday on business. He states that they had a very successful term of school this winter, taught by Miss Iva Purdin, of Medford.

Rev. Edwin B. Lockhart was called to his home at St. Johns, N. B., on account of the death of his sister and the illness of his father. He intends spending a week with his brother in Montreal. He expects to be absent until the last of February.

At the regular meeting of the Degree of Honor the following officers were installed: Mrs. Norcross, C. of H.; Roberta Rippey, Past C. of P.; Mrs. Boswell, L. of H.; Mrs. Free, C. of S.; Mamie Rippey, recorder; Mrs. Robnett, financier; Lulu Bell, usher; Mrs. Harriott, collector; Mrs. Pearl, I. W.; Mrs. Beal, O. W. After installation luncheon was served and all present reported a pleasant time.

Died—In Central Point January 8, 1903, Pearl Ganes, the beloved daughter of Mrs. John Clark, aged nine years and four months. The funeral services were held in the Methodist church Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. W. B. Moore officiating. The pupils of the school marched in a body to the house and then led the procession to the church. Many friends were at the funeral to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed and express their condolence and sympathy with the bereaved family. The death angel has crossed the threshold of a happy home and has laid an icy hand on a precious daughter and a darling sister. The hands are folded rigidly over the pure white breast, the voice is hushed and the sweet smiles that seem like

a summer rainbow about the home has frozen upon the pallid lips. Pearl, our darling, has gone, bearing life's scroll folded, without blemish or stain, no earth taint marring the sacred script.

Another Central Point correspondent to THE MAIL has this to say regarding the above mentioned death: "Everything was done that loving parents and relatives could do—the smallest detail not being neglected, yet, a higher power than man's claimed her pure spirit for His own. 'Tis finished, the long, anxious, unending watch is over. The pride of a household, the delight of relatives and friends has breathed her pure young life out, and gone to a home of eternal rest." The family extend thanks to all who were so kind.

At a joint installation Friday evening of the Modern Woodmen and the Royal Neighbors the following officers were installed, in the Woodmen lodge: J. P. Hoogland, V. C.; Frank Gregory, W. A.; James Grieve, Clerk; J. C. Robnett, ex-officio; E. A. Mayer, banker; Isaac Estor, watchman; J. E. Boswell, scribe; A. O. Free, chief forster; Following are the officers of the Royal Neighbors: Alma E. Free, orator; Lavina Hathaway, past orator; Mamie Rippey, vice orator; Emily Holmes, chancellor; Edna L. Robnett, recorder; Cora Hoogland, marshal; Lettie L. Gregory, assistant marshal; Mrs. Estes, inside watch; Roberta Rippey, outside watch. After installation an oyster supper was served.

CENTRAL POINT SCHOOL REPORT. Report of the principal of the Central Point Public school for the month ending January 8, 1903. Number of days taught, 19; days attended, 2649; days absent, 147; cases of tardiness, 36; total enrolled 173.

A. J. HANBY, Principal.

J. B. Welch of Spikenard spent Tuesday in our city.

J. C. Pendleton, of Table Rock spent a day in town this week.

H. J. Gardner, of Spikenard, was in after supplies the first of this week.

Mrs. J. H. Meenan, of Medford visited her many friends here the first of this week.

Miss Alta Rogers will leave in a few days for Albany where she will visit relatives.

Stephen Cornutt will open a shoe shop in the store adjoining Dr. J. H. Pleasant's office.

Elder T. M. Jones preached to a large and attentive audience last Sunday.

Mrs. G. N. Heselgrave who has been visiting relatives at Ashland, returned home Friday evening.

R. C. Hunsley left for California Tuesday to purchase cattle for the San Francisco market.

Mrs. Nancy Pernoll and Mrs. Nancy Majors, of Applegate, were visiting here the first of this week.

Frank Lowell who has been spending a few weeks in San Francisco returned home a few days ago.

Dr. C. E. Morrill of Gold Hill was called here Tuesday to attend the young son of Frank Roundtree who is quite ill.

E. L. Moore who is employed by Mee Brothers, of Coles, Calif., visited relatives here the first of the week.

Booth Lee left for the Olwell-Lee mines on Kansas creek Sunday, where they have a large force at work.

Mr. and Mrs. Wall, of Glendale, are visiting Mrs. Wall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beal of this city.

ELECTION OF G. A. R. OFFICERS.

At the first regular meeting of W. H. Harrison Post, No. 67, G. A. R., held Dec 20, 1902, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Com. George H. Perkins, 49th Wis. Inf.; S. V. C. James Evans, 2nd Iowa Inf.; J. V. C. Milton Vermillion, 12th Kan. Inf.; Adj. Merritt Elliott, 12th Ill. Cav.; O. D. S. M. Nealon, 8th Conn. Inf.; Q. M. John Wright, 13th Kan. Inf.; Chap. Wm. Sydow, 23rd Ill. Inf.; Surgeon, G. B. Cole, 120th O. Inf.; O. G. Marvin S. Wood, 11th Mich. Inf. The past commanders of this Post are H. H. Clark, now living near Astoria, Or.; S. M. Nealon, of Table Rock, and W. H. Patrick, of Central Point. The Post was first organized May 18, 1895, with sixteen charter members, by comrades from Chester A. Arthur Post, No. 47, of Medford, and Burnside Post, No. 23, of Ashland. It was predicted at the time that it was a mistake to organize so near another Post and that a year's trial would see the charter surrendered. But the Post has had several deaths, and quite a number have moved away, and now has twenty-four members in good standing, owns a fine hall with a large banquet room below, and an entertaining W. R. C. is working for the good of the order. They are a lively lot of "old boys" when they get together, and the prospects of the Post are very bright. Visiting comrades are always made welcome at their meetings, which are regularly held at 1 o'clock p. m. on the third Saturday of each month.

INDIGESTION

Is the cause of more discomfort than any other ailment. If you eat the things you want, and that are good for you, you are distressed. Acker's Dyspepsia Tablets will make your digestion perfect and prevent dyspepsia and its attendant disagreeable symptoms. You can safely eat anything, at any time, if you take one of these Tablets afterward. Sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee. 25 cts. Money refunded if you are not satisfied. Send to us for a free sample. W. H. HOOKER & CO., Buffalo, N. Y. Medford Drug Co., Druggists.

Table Rock Items.

Mrs. J. B. Byrum and daughter Hazel, are visiting relatives in the Applegate country for a few days.

Bad colds are prevalent and quite a number have been suffering with some kind of eye trouble.

J. Byrum who has been visiting his brother, W. R., left Monday for his home in Clakamas county.

The Wrought Iron Range men are in the country again; we have heard of one sale in this neighborhood.

W. R. Dickison left Monday to go to the Prospect county, for the last of their cattle that were on the range.

The share holders of the Drum, Rybee, Pickens, Hunsaker, ditch, held their annual meeting at Central Point, Monday. R. B. Porter was elected president; J. W. Merritt

secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Mary Jennings, B. R. Porter, and J. W. Merritt, trustees.

A few farmers are plowing, but the ground generally is too wet. The continued foggy weather keeps the ground from drying out.

J. C. P.

THE SURE WAY

to prevent Pneumonia and Consumption is to cure your cold when it first appears. Acker's English Remedy will stop the cough in a night, and drive the cold out of your system. Always a quick and sure cure for Asthma, Bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles. It does not satisfy you the druggist will refund your money. Write to us for free sample. W. H. HOOKER & CO. Buffalo, N. Y. Medford Drug Co., Druggists.

Beagle It ms.

Elbert Glass is visiting relatives in Tolo.

Tom Pankey, of Sams Valley, is seriously sick with pneumonia.

E. C. Pomeroy, of the Meadows, lost a valuable work horse one day last week.

Earl Case is trapping skunks for their pelts and oil and is meeting with some success.

J. B. Welch, the pioneer sawmill man of the Meadows, called Monday. He reports no fog, stock poor and a scarcity of hay.

Rev. Hollcroft, of Medford, failed to fill his regular appointment at New Hope church on the second Sunday of this month.

Mr. Payne, formerly of Michigan but now of Chapparral district, made us a pleasant call Sunday. He reports Michigan winter weather below zero.

John Martin, a native boy of this county, who has been visiting his aged mother, relatives and friends for the past month near Beagle, has returned to Fresno, Calif.

Thos. Bailey, our veteran road supervisor, sustained more serious injuries by his recent fall while feeding stock for John Houston than was first reported. Dr. Chisholm, of Gold Hill, pronounced a fractured rib and other injuries.

"The nicest and pleasantest medicine I have used for indigestion and constipation is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Melard F. Craig, of Middlegrove, N. Y. "They work like a charm and do not gripe or have any unpleasant effect." For sale by Chas. Strang.

Bill to Protect Hotel Keepers.

Judge M. Purdin has taken considerable interest in the passage of a bill by the legislature that will protect hotel keepers from the losses occasioned by "dead beats." He has canvassed the lodging houses and hotels throughout the county and met with considerable encouragement. Last night (Thursday) he left for Grants Pass, where he will interview all those engaged in the business and may possibly proceed to Salem. The following are the provisions of the bill, which is a copy of the present statute of California:

"That any person who obtains any food or lodging or accommodation at an

Loss of Flesh

When you can't eat breakfast, take Scott's Emulsion. When you can't eat bread and butter, take Scott's Emulsion. When you have been living on a milk diet and want something a little more nourishing, take Scott's Emulsion.

To get fat you must eat fat. Scott's Emulsion is a great fattener, a great strength giver.

Those who have lost flesh want to increase all body tissues, not only fat. Scott's Emulsion increases them all, bone, flesh, blood and nerve.

For invalids, for convalescents, for consumptives, for weak children, for all who need flesh, Scott's Emulsion is a rich and comfortable food, and a natural tonic.

Scott's Emulsion for bone, flesh, blood and nerve.



We will send you a free sample.

Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.

SCOTT & BOWNE, CHEMISTS, 409 Pearl St., N. Y. 50c. and \$1; all druggists.

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inn, hotel, boarding house, or lodging house without paying therefor, with intent to defraud the proprietor or manager thereof, or who obtains credit at an inn, hotel, boarding house, or lodging house by the use of any false pretense, or who, after obtaining credit or accommodation at any inn, hotel, boarding house, or lodging house, absconds or surreptitiously removes his or her baggage therefrom without paying for his or her food or accommodations, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment in the county jail not less than five nor more than sixty days.

"The various justices of the peace in the state of Oregon shall have jurisdiction to try cases and impose fines for any violation of this act."

This bill is a good one and ought to become a law. It there is one class more than another that is being imposed upon by dead beats it is the hotel or boarding house keeper.

For a bad taste in the mouth take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price 25 cents. Warranted to cure. For sale by Chas. Strang, druggist.

Distributing Spanish War Records.

The law authorizing the publication of the records of the Oregon Volunteers in the Spanish War and Philippine Insurrection prescribes that the copies shall be distributed in such manner as the Governor may direct. Of the five hundred copies provided for in the act Governor Geer has directed that one copy be presented to each of the 334 officers, sergeants and corporals of the Second Oregon Volunteer Infantry and of Batteries "A" and "B," Oregon Volunteer Light Artillery, and to the wife, father or mother of each of the 64 members of the Second Oregon, who lost their lives while in the service, provided they apply to the Adjutant General before May 1, 1903. Copies not delivered in person will be forwarded to applicants entitled to them, express charges to be collected on delivery. The method of distribution of such volumes as may remain on hand May 1, 1903, will be announced at that time.

Sick Headache absolutely and permanently cured by using Moki Tea. A pleasant herb drink. Cures Constipation and Indigestion, makes you eat, sleep, work and happy. Satisfaction guaranteed or money back. 25 cts. and 50 cts. Write to W. H. HOOKER & CO., Buffalo, N. Y., for a free sample. Medford Drug Co., Druggists.

The Chinese Language.

Chinese is an ideographic language. It conveys the idea and not the word for a thing, as the figure 8 represents the idea and not the word. The Chinese have invented more than 40,000 marks for their writing, but it requires only about 3,000 marks for mercantile correspondence, and it is said to be easier to learn them than the words of an ordinary foreign language. Russian is more difficult for Americans than Chinese. It takes much longer to learn the spoken language because of the variety of dialects, but any one can learn enough of the writings to answer ordinary purposes in a few months and have his knowledge perfected by a linguist within about a year. Exact instruction in one of the Chinese languages can only be given by a Chinaman.—Detroit Free Press.

To Bring Him to Terms.

"Yes," said young Mrs. Solo, "Henry and I had some words this morning, and I can't deny that he got the best of it."

"That will never do," returned the experienced neighbor. "You can't afford to start in married life that way."

"I know it," answered the young wife. "I've thought it all over, and when he comes home tonight I'm going to bring him to terms so quick that he'll hardly know what's happened."

"That's right, my dear. Show some spirit. What are you going to do?"

"I'm going to bring up the subject again and then cry."

No Dispute.

Good stories come from Scotland as well as porridge and bagpipes. The last is quite admirable in its way. A traveler observing an ancient couple arguing and gesticulating in the road, in order to avert bloodshed, asked the cause of the dispute.

"We're no deesputin' at a'," answered the man; "we're baith o' the same mind. I hae got a half crown in ma pock, an' she thinks she's no gaun to get it, an' I think the same!"—London Globe.

Great Men and Large Families.

A careful study of the circumstances of birth and childhood of what were considered to be the fifty greatest men of modern times disclosed the fact, interesting in comparison, that the average great man was born in a family of six children, not including half brothers or half sisters. It was figured from the data that the chances for greatness in a child are two to one in favor of the older half of the family.

Life.

It has been said that life is made up of three things—heredity, environment and the will. If the heredity and environment of the child are what they should be, the will will choose the right and do it.

Her Recommendation.

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Homestead Filings Made.

The proprietor of THE MAIL has been appointed a United States Land Commissioner for Oregon. He is empowered by this appointment to prepare homestead and timber land filings, take testimony in homestead and timber land final proof cases, conduct contest cases, and in fact, to do all business for the land office which applies to government land. It is now unnecessary for applicants for any land claim, for those having proofs to make to go to Roseburg to make such application or proofs. It can be done right here at home and at much less expense.

Any information relative to the land laws cheerfully given and without cost. If there is any point regarding the land laws which you do not understand clearly drop into the MAIL office when in Medford and we will look the matter up for you.

BARGAINS

At the COSS PIANO HOUSE, MEDFORD, ORE.

To close out the entire 1902 stock, and make room for the new stock for the New Year.

The remaining stock consists of

One Victor Piano

of extra fine tone and quality

Two A. B. Chase Organs,

One Pacific

Queen organ

And One Second-Hand Organ

The lot will go at cost. Come at once and avail yourself of this sacrifice sale.

H. M. COSS

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land office at Roseburg, Oregon, January 14, 1903. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before A. S. Hilton, U. S. Commissioner, at Medford, Oregon, on Saturday, February 21, 1903, viz:

ANTHONY F. MCCRARY, On his H. E. No. 12366, for the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 37 South, Range 2 West.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

James Johnson, of Jacksonville, Oregon, and John F. White, N. Langeil and L. L. Jacobs, of Medford, Oregon.

J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

The Thorn and the Rose.

Mrs. Temperton—I've got the dearest old darling of a husband that ever happened. He has an awful temper, and about once a month he gets mad and tears up my best hat.

Miss Singleton—And you call him a dear old darling after that? How can you?

Mrs. Temperton—Well, you see, he always has a fit of remorse next day and buys me a better one.—Chicago News.

Crude Logic.

It is told of an East Indian law student that he once threw his examiners into confusion by declaring matrimony to be an illegitimate contract. "How so?" How so?" he was asked by the perturbed examiners, many of them married men. The student smiled beatifically. "Marriage," quoth he, "is a lottery, and lotteries are forbidden by law."

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