

The building of brick blocks in Medford continues, irrespective of the season of the year. Verily, we do grow.

From the many things that are being talked of and proposed to be put before the legislative body to make into laws or not as the case may be, it will be a busy forty days for that assembly.

It is to be hoped there is nothing in the rumor that the loss of the Jacksonville public school building and its contents was due to incendiarism. It is a great misfortune to any community to lose such an institution, without being called upon to think they are harboring in their midst a human being so low in the scale of wrong doing that would be guilty of such an act.

The national congress is now opening up a number of measures that will claim a good portion of their time in discussion, whether they accomplish anything or not. Those who imagined that this would be an unimportant session of congress did not take into consideration the amount of business the President would deliver to them to act upon.

When a person makes a Christmas present the hope is entertained that it will serve as a reminder of friendship. Then if that reminder could be made apparent weekly for a year, how much more it would be appreciated. A year's subscription to THE MAIL for an absent friend will accomplish this. Only a few more days until the holidays, then start in with the new year and see how well you have pleased your friend during the year 1907.

Three weeks more and the Oregon legislature will be in session. There is much comment by the state papers and citizens as to what legislation they should make, what they will do and what they will not do. But one thing is an assured fact, there is a great deal should be done by the legislators either way. While

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it is a privilege and one's right to have an opinion of his own, it is probably just as well not expressed if we are liable to lose out on it.

EDITORIAL GLEANINGS.

The first fight of a Japanese and an American in San Francisco the other evening is mentioned in the dispatches as an event that may possibly lead to complications between the United States and Japan. If we have in America any class of persons whose government in another land expects to protect them in an overbearing and insolent attitude, not amenable to the usages and local laws where they are making their living, then the sooner they are rid of the better. If the individual Jap expects the Japanese government to follow his footsteps and protect him from the slap in the face or knock down which his

hind him and with a disposition to ignore American rights, laws and customs, has no business here. The Japs mistake the tenor of the president's message and the temper of the American people.

Edison, the electrical wizard, has a new idea which, he thinks, will work many changes in present conditions. He believes we have been living in the steel age and that in the future the concrete age will come in again. It is stated that he has invented a process by which whole houses are molded in a single casting of concrete. He says: "I purpose, after obtaining the designs, to have metallic molds made to correspond with them. The mold for each house will be made in detachable parts. There will be separate plates and small molds that can be screwed together easily to form one mold for the entire house."

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braggadocio is apt to bring him when he plays it too high, he has no place in this country. American fair play will give him a show whenever and wherever he deserves it, but American manhood will never permit him to domineer or play the braggart. The foreigner from any land who comes here with the threat of his government be-

That a fine finish may be obtained, the inside surface will be nickel plated. After a mold for a whole house is set up, it will be a very simple matter to pump concrete into every nook and cranny." He states that under ordinary circumstances concrete villas will not cost more than \$500 or \$600 apiece.

Redmen Will Take the Town Very Soon.

The Roseburg News has the following to say of a big pow-wow to be held in that city in the near future: There are rumors of a great big time which the Indians of Southern Oregon propose having here in Roseburg, in the very near future. The members of Umpqua Tribe No. 44, Improved Order of Redmen are greatly interested in the big doings which that order will soon have in this city. As a preliminary skirmish, a special meeting of the order is called for next Monday evening, when a meeting will be held in the Forrester's hall, to make elaborate preparations for the event.

It is proposed to have the greatest gathering of lodge men ever held in Oregon, right here in Roseburg early in the month of January, when a large number of "pale-faces" will be taken into camp and it promises to be the greatest event of the kind ever held in this neck of the woods. J. H. Fitzgerald, of the Rogue River Electrical Construction Co., of Medford has been in the city this week, assisting in making plans of the pow-wow and will be present at Monday evening's meeting, to counsel with the local "Indians" regarding the coming event. He informed the News reporter that at least 600 visiting Redmen would be here for the doings in January. They had 455 people to the banquet which was given at the Grants Pass blowout and 603 at Medford, but now it is proposed to have over 600. Mr. L. L. Jacobs, another prominent official of the order will also come down from Medford, Monday evening, to hold whoop things up for the gathering of warriors next month.

Program of Christmas Exercises.

- The following is the program of the Christmas exercises to be given at the First Baptist Church, Monday evening, December 24th, 1906:
Voluntary: Joy to the World
Choir and Congregation: Scripture Lesson and Prayer.
Assistant Supt. H. C. Garnett.
Address of Welcome: Supt. Wm. Davis.
Song: Hark, the Merry Bells
Recitation: Sunday School Choir.
Recitation: My Mamma
Exercise: Four Wings
Exercise: Constant Christmas
Recitation: Eight Primary Scholars.
Recitation: Christmas Gifts.
Recitation: Bertha Clark.
Recitation: Christmas Dawn
Exercise: The Christmas Heart
Exercise: Five Little Girls.
Recitation: Give to Jesus
Solo: Gladys Greenburg.
Solo: Selected
Recitation: Miss Edith Hamilton.
Recitation: If You are Good
Solo: Gladys Wilson.
Christmas Drill: Nina Girls.
Recitation: Myrtle Davis.
Song: In the Fields with Their Flocks.
Sunday School
Chorus Choir.
Exercise: Ring the Bells
Four Primary Scholars.
Recitation: The Children's Friends.
Solo: Myrtle Davis.
Song: Ring, Ring, Merry Christmas Bells.

Probate Court.

Estate of Samuel Wyatt, deceased. Appraisers report approved showing estate valued at \$100.00, also order for sale of personal property.
Estate of Peter Wilson, deceased. Order to appear and show cause why real property should not be sold.
Estate of Henry Moyer, deceased. Ordered that Geo R Lindley be appointed administrator.
Estate of Alice R Gibson, deceased. Ordered that Geo W Trefon be appointed guardian.
Estate of Mary J. Sahoe, deceased. Order appointing Jan 4, 1907, as day for hearing final settlement of said estate.
Estate of James R. Tarbell, deceased. Order to sell real property.
Elder of John W. Cunningham, deceased. Order that J. E. Barkdall be appointed administrator, and A. S. Bliton, L. L. Jacobs and C. W. Palm appraisers.
Estate of Samuel Wyatt. Inventory and appraisal filed. Order made for sale of personal property.
Estate of Peter Wilson. Ordered that citation be issued to Irene Wilson to show cause why property should not be sold.
Estate of Henry Moyer. Ordered that G R Lindley be appointed administrator.
Estate of Alice Gibson. Order appointing G W Trefon guardian.

Notice to School Patrons.

You are notified that upon the completion of the new building all pupils east of the S. P. R. R. will attend the north school and all west, the main building unless a written request is filed with the school board. The allowing of these requests is optional with the school board and the chief consideration will be that a few may be much nearer one building than the other. All requested may be sent to Supt. Signs setting forth all the facts and reasons for attendance at one or the other of the buildings.

NOTICE.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Recorder of the City of Medford, until the 11th day of February 1907, for the purchase of \$45,000 Refunding Bonds, to be dated March 5th, 1907.
Bonds are of \$500 denomination, will bear five per cent interest, payable semi-annually in Medford, Oregon or New York City, N. Y., and will mature in twenty years.
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Yet the whole country is moving forward with grander and faster strides than in its past history and it now behoves a man to move and more lively or else get run over, killed, buried and forgotten. The wheels of commerce are grinding day and night and groaning under their over-load. Can we stand the strain? Will the cord break? Will there come another panic and Coxley's armies congregate and men lay idle and capitalists go broke? Nay! Such is not the reading of the times. With electricity coming and taking hold of things as it has, with our gigantic young intellects to push forward the great problems, with Peary to locate the north pole, Roosevelt to complete the canal, others to bring into use wireless telegraphy and flying machines, we may look forward to times so prosperous that to-day's prosperity will be as the past is to today. Medford with her 30,000 to 50,000 population her box factories, saw mills running night and day, her gold and copper mines turning out train loads of precious metals, her coal thoroughly developed, working two to three thousand men in the immense coking ovens, farms worth \$1000 an acre, people whitening through the valley on trolley cars, what can stop us? Let us set our pegs high, and drive to them. If you wish to read the signs of the future just drop down and see Shortie Garnett, watch the move that his force gets on them, see them passing out Toledo Ranges, 1900 washers, nails, hinges, locks, cooking utensils, pat him on the back and oblige him on for he is one of the boys that firmly believes that Medford will soon take her place as the largest and best town between Portland and San Francisco and he is one who is willing to buy and sell on such a margin that all can live and be happy. Come one come all. We are awake to your needs and will meet you half way, and if you don't move lively will go your half too. Yours for the future, H. C. GARNETT.

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