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OREGON LEADS
 In the production of Fine Fruit
The Rogue River Valley
 Leads OREGON AND MEDFORD
 Its metropolis and trade center,
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 SEND IT TO YOUR EASTERN FRIENDS

Half Price Suit Sale

Every Suit in this store must be closed out quickly. We are only asking a part of the money we paid for these Suits. Every Suit is this season's best styles; all are new. If you want to save on a Suit this is your opportunity. Suits that formerly sold at \$14.50, \$16.50, \$20, \$22.50, \$25, \$35, now selling at

Exactly Half Price
\$7.25 to \$17.50

Half Price Sale of Coats for Ladies



Last Saturday we landed the big shipment of Ladies' Coats, and just to show you how we do things, we will give you the history. Our Mr. Hutchason had looked over the lot of coats when in Portland December 1st, as they were taken from the factory's original shipping cartons. He refused to buy at that time, as he thought to get them for less later on; and, sure enough, on Friday, a week ago the 50c on the dollar offer came, and we called the bargain by wire and had the coats on sale Saturday afternoon.

HOW IS THAT FOR QUICK ACTION?

The lot comprises all colors of fine broadcloths, loose, semi and fitted backs, mikado and semi-mikado styles. The newest styles out. We have already sold a lot of these coats and have no doubt but what we will sell all in short order. Will you give us a look? Don't pass up these values if you care to save. Coats worth \$8 and up to \$50 now selling at

\$4.00 and to \$25.00
 Ladies Goods Exclusively.
Baker-Hutchason Company
 First Room North of Jackson County Bank



"Why Girls Leave Home"

The play bearing the odd and striking title, "Why Girls Leave Home" will be the attraction at Medford Opera House on Friday, January 3rd. It is a much better written play than the majority of its class and does not depend upon mechanical contrivances for its success. There is an intensely interesting story of the frailty of the weaker sex and in man's perfidy, told according to the adage that "Truth is stranger than fiction." The author has drawn from the facts of a celebrated tragedy which was the leading theme of the

Notice to the Public.
 I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of city recorder of Medford, Oregon, subject to the decision of the legal voters of the city at the general election to be held Tuesday, January 14, 1908.
BENJ. M. COLLINS.
 -Dr. Stephenson examines eyes free.

IS THIS TO BE THE END?

The Pacific & Eastern Co has ceased to operate its trains between here and Eagle Point. Is this to be the end of all our rosette dreams of a few short months ago when the road was "sold" by Receiver Reddy to Geo. Estes and his associates? Is there nothing more to come of that enthusiastic meeting at the opera house, where promises were made by Mr. Estes that brought visions of a band of steel stretching from the blue waters of the Pacific to the turbid flood of the Missouri. When Mayor Reddy with his coat tightly buttoned was gazed upon with awe as the possessor of that famous "\$82,000 certified check," and of the banquet (at \$2.50 per where, in the feast of reason a flow of soul, Estes was hailed as the deliverer of the people from bondage, and Reddy was the Moses who had led us out of the wilderness. That check is still in existence, perhaps, that is, the check was "deposited" in the same bank it was drawn upon and that bank failed, and there you are. Nobody ever received a cent for his stock, nor do we know that anybody ever paid a cent for the road. The road has ceased operations and one lumber firm that expected great things from it and built upon those expectations have been forced into bankruptcy. The mail is still being carried, however, on a hand car but no attempt is being made to rebuild the Bear Creek bridge or to resume traffic.

It is an unfortunate condition, and we ask again, is this the end? Is there no redress?

It is our opinion, attributing no ulterior motives to anyone, that a statement of the affairs of the receivership is due at this time to the creditors of the road from Mr. Reddy. Some explanation should be made, and some assurance, if possible, given them of a settlement of the claims against the old Medford & Crater Lake road, which were to have been settled from the proceeds of this sale. Or if there can be no assurance given and the claims are a total loss, let it be frankly stated.

Change in Train Schedule.

Effective Sunday 12:10 a. m. Dec. 29th: North bound Portland Express No. 14, 9:49 a. m.; North bound Oregon Express No. 16, 5:39 p. m.; South bound California Express No. 15, 10:35 a. m.; South bound San Francisco Express No. 13, 1:50 p. m. Making 14 ten minutes later than at present, 15 seven minutes later than at present, and 13 one hour and five minutes later than at present.

No. 13 will stop at all larger points, Roseburg to Ashland, and will stop at the smaller points on flag. This train being over an hour later here and making all stops will be a great convenience to Southern Oregon.

The local accommodation train 225 from Grants Pass at 7:30 p. m. with a passenger coach has been making good time and for the greater portion of three weeks arrived here from an hour to two hours ahead of No. 13's old time.

No. 15 will now leave Portland at 7:45 p. m. and No. 13 at midnight. No. 16 will arrive in Portland at 7:55 and No. 14 at 11:15 p. m.

Announcement.

Mrs. Irene Hampton Isaacs has opened a studio at her residence on East Seventh street, and will receive piano pupils after January 1.

Mrs. Isaacs is a young musician of extraordinary ability and talent who through years of arduous study and application has brought herself to the highest plane of musical thought and intelligence. From earliest youth her musical education has been in charge of the best masters in the East, and she has lately completed a course under Herr Herman Genes—a pupil of the great Liszt himself—and by far the greatest teacher in America.

Miss Genes rightly claims the distinction of teaching the only absolutely correct method of piano forte playing, and declares that without this method, it is impossible for one to become an artist.

Musically, Mrs. Isaacs has the rare charm of poetic feeling and a delicate touch united with great power, which enables her to interpret equally the sweetest waltz of Chopin and to sound the depths of Beethoven. Herr Genes placed no limits to Mrs. Isaacs' art: In an interview he declared, "She can become what she will—one of the world's greatest."

Alfalfa Seed.
 Home grown, reseeded alfalfa seed. Grower guarantees free from dodger. For sale in lots to suit. Samples and prices submitted.
 Numan-Taylor Co.
 Jacksonville, Oregon.
 -2500 bu. alfalfa seed, well tested, buildings, two acres of ground, 30 acres cleared. Easy terms. See O. H. Pierce & Son.

FATAL SHOOTING AT JACKSONVILLE

One man dead and two seriously wounded is the result of a duel fought with shotguns and Winchester at Rankin ranch, two miles south of Jacksonville, Saturday evening. The dead man is James Mankin, a prosperous and respected rancher. The two wounded men are C. H. Walsworth and his 19-year-old son, N. W. Walsworth.

The trouble arose over an attempt by Mankin to eject Walsworth and family from a house on the Mankin ranch. James Mankin, the dead man, and the senior Walsworth fought with clubs and pitchforks for nearly an hour, when suddenly Walsworth turned and ran into the house and secured a rifle and began shooting at Mankin.

Henry Mankin, brother to the dead man, hearing the report of the rifle, rushed to his brother's assistance with a shotgun and rifle. N. W. Walsworth attempted to shoot Henry Mankin when he himself received a charge of shot in the face and dropped his gun and fled. The elder Walsworth then shot and killed James Mankin. Henry Mankin threw his shotgun aside, secured the rifle, and shot Walsworth in the left eye and through the lower jaw.

Walsworth had been traveling with a magic lantern show and this fall secured employment as a woodchopper at the Mankin ranch. The house which Walsworth had been occupying is owned by other parties, to whom Walsworth claims he paid the rent to January 4, and when told by the Mankins to vacate he refused to do so. The house, however, is on the Mankin land, and Saturday morning James Mankin secured legal advice, and armed with authority went to Walsworth's home with the above results.

A coroner's inquest was held Monday and a verdict rendered to the effect that James Mankin came to his death by a rifle shot fired by C. H. Walsworth. Henry Mankin was held under bonds as a witness.

A New Postal Regulation.

The postoffice department has issued a new regulation governing second class matter—newspapers, periodicals, etc., which if closely followed will not only work to the benefit of legitimate newspapers with bona fide circulations but will also materially increase the postal receipts.

The regulation provides that newspapers can be sent, through the mails at the second class rate only to bona fide subscribers and fixes the length of time which subscribers may be in arrears, and be counted as legitimate subscribers. In order that the publisher may take advantage of the second class rate, the subscriber must renew for a daily within three months; for a semi-weekly within nine months, and for a weekly within one year. The right of the publisher to extend credit, however, is not questioned but he must pay postage on each paper so sent at the rate of one cent for each four ounces or less, and place a stamp on each paper.

The workings of this new regulation will be watched with interest. Many publications send thousands of copies through mails each year to people who are not subscribers or who have not paid up for years. In many cases the publisher thinks perhaps he will get something out of the man some time. Under this law it would seem that the publisher would be led to cut out of the subscriber from the list when the renewal term had expired, in his own interest, rather than pay postage more than four times as great on the paper, and knowing this the subscriber would be more careful in promptly renewing the subscription, that is if the paper is of value to him.

The above information was given us by Deputy Postmaster Woodford.

Death of S. T. Howard.

S. T. Howard was born August 25, 1842, in Monroe county, Tennessee, and died at Medford, Oregon, December 27, 1907, aged 65 years, 4 months and 2 days. He served as a soldier in the Confederate army, and after the close of the war he remained in Tennessee until 1872 when he removed to Texas in which state he lived for 24 years. One year ago Mr. Howard and family moved to Medford to make this their home. Mr. Howard was engaged in the stock industry, and was ever anxious to improve the quality of the stock as well as make a success of the industry. He was a professing Christian having from the first belonged to the Presbyterian church in which organization he was a ruling elder for 25 years. In his death the church sustains a great loss. A wife and nine children survive him. For 40 years Mr. Howard was a member of the Masonic Order always in good standing.

NEW CITY WATER RATES

At a recent meeting of the city council the following new water rates were made. These are the minimum rates per month:

Barber shops—One chair, \$1, more than one chair, first chair, \$1, each additional chair 50c, bath tubs, \$1.25
 Hotels—45.
 Restaurants, coffee and chop houses 45.
 Lodging houses—12c for each bed, in addition to family rates.
 Boarding houses—15c per head for each boarder, in addition to family rates.
 Saloons—\$3.50, including one toilet. Horse and carriage 50c, each additional horse 25c.
 Livery Stables—45, including carriage washing.
 Feed yards and stables, \$2.50.
 Bakeries, \$2.
 Soda Fountains, 50c, each jet \$1, each tumbler washer 50c.
 Persons Slaeking Lime, Mortar or Cement—20c per barrel, wetting brick, 20c per thousand.
 Bottling works, breweries, etc.—\$1.50 per month.
 Dental Rooms, \$1.50.
 Photograph Galleries—\$2.50.
 Dwellings, tenements, flats and other apartments, occupied by more than one family, \$1.
 All other consumers not herein or thereafter specially provided for, including business houses, offices, etc., \$1.
 All consumers any required to use meters, at the discretion of the council, and when the meter readings are in excess of the minimum rate these readings shall be the basis for computing cost. The water rate was raised from 10 to 15 cents per 1000 gallons.

A Birthday Party.

A very pleasant party was given Mrs. Isaac Woolf on her 70th birthday, Friday, December 20th. It was a complete surprise to her. The evening was spent very pleasantly by the friends and neighbors who took well filled baskets of chicken, pies and cakes galore. The birthday cake presented by Mrs. Will Knippe and Miss Friderger was a great treat and all enjoyed a slice of it. There were thirty people present.

Mrs. Woolf was born in Tennessee later lived in Missouri where she was married to Mr. Woolf just 40 years ago the 8th of December. In the fall of 1874 they emigrated to California and in 1877 they came to the Rogue River Valley.

Utterly unprepared for a visitation of this kind Mrs. Woolf was dumfounded when the neighbors came pouring in upon her. Quickly grasping the situation, however, she had them welcome and the pleasures of the evening began.

Mr. Woolf entertained the guests with gramophone selection and then brought forth his cherished violin which he has had for forty-two years and such old tunes as Lake Erie, Soldiers Dream, Charlie over the Water and Money Musk and numerous other selections were listened to and highly appreciated. When Mr. Fr. Fountain took charge of the violin and furnished some excellent music. Supper was then spread, and such a supper, words cannot do justice to it one must have seen the profusion of toothsome viands and sampled the quality thereof to have appreciated.

The presents given Mrs. Woolf were numerous and tasteful and very highly appreciated.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. I. Woolf, A. Friderger, Mrs. M. Loff and Mrs. A. H. Lawrentz, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Kulp, Mrs. L. Kulp, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Whetstone, Mr. and Mrs. F. Fountain, F. Friderger, J. Brown, I. R. Friderger, Miss Ethel Howard, Willie Howard, Ray Howard, Roy Loffand, Miss Zola Knox, the Misses Tillie and Alta Knippe, and Bert Snyder, Noel Whetstone, Elmer Kulp and Gilbert Knippe.

Thirteen states were represented in the party, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky, Kansas, California, South Dakota, Oklahoma and Oregon.

A Guest.

At Eugene on Saturday, December 28, 1907, Ernest Kendall Gilstrap and Anna Florence Johnson were united in marriage. Mr. Gilstrap is one of the publishers of the Eugene Register, and the Mail joins with his fellow craftsmen throughout the state in extending to him and his bride congratulations and best wishes.

Parties owning lots in Butte Falls

Parties owning lots in Butte Falls township owe payments to J. A. Perry, trustee, at his office in Medford, Oregon.

ROBBED AT HIS OWN GATE

On Sunday night, at about 6:30 o'clock, J. W. Lawton was waylaid and robbed inside his own yard and a few yards from the door of his home.

Mr. Lawton had been over to town and started for his home which is on the corner of East Fourth and A streets. In going to his home he stopped at his brother's implement store on North B street, and took from the safe several lodge books and after wrapping them with a paper started home with them. When he reached an alley, which is at the rear of his residence, he turned down it, as is his custom, intending to enter his home from the rear. When he turned from the alley into his yard he was met by a man who had evidently been in waiting and was struck over the head with a club about three feet in length, and about three by one and a half inches at the big end and tapering to a silver at the other end. The first blow knocked him from his feet but he gathered himself and struck his assailant in the face with his fist. The blow staggered the highwayman but before Mr. Lawton could make his escape he was struck again on the head, and his hands and forearms were also pretty badly bruised by the same blows which struck his head—had heaving put up his hands to ward off the blows. The second blow felled him to the ground a second time and he was then told by his assailant that if he made any noise or attempted to move he would put a knife through him. Mr. Lawton was not unconscious, but he was discrete enough, however, to remain motionless and noiseless. The robber then went through all of his pockets and took from them about \$20 in money, an open faced gold watch and a pocket knife. He then ran through the alley to the north making his escape in the dark. He also took with him the bundle of lodge books—presuming, it is thought that they were valuable.

Mr. Lawton crawled to the rear porch of his house and calling for help his daughter came to the door and assisted him to his bed and help was summoned. Dr. Hargrave was called and dressed the wounds. He found no bones broken and the wounds on the head not dangerous. D. T. Lawton, brother of the wounded man, and who lives just across the alley at once notified the police and a hurried hunt was made with no results. Later in the evening, about nine o'clock, Constable Chas. Tall saw a suspicious looking character at the depot and at once caused him to be locked up. [The prisoners shoes were taken to the scene of the hold-up and they were found to fit the tracks of the assailant and upon this evidence he was held a prisoner until Tuesday when he was released. The man was a stranger in the town, only having arrived here Saturday night, and Mr. Lawton was satisfied he could not possibly have been his assailant, he holding to the opinion that the robber must surely have been some person who was familiar with his habits else he would not have been in waiting for him at the rear entrance to his yard. The club with which Mr. Lawton was struck was, presumably, picked up at the Methodist church, about half a block away where similar pieces of sidewalk lumber were afterwards found.

The presumption is that the robber saw Mr. Lawton go to the safe in his brother's office and take out the books, which he must have thought were valuable. Had he not thought so he surely would not have taken them with him after having secured the money and watch.

[The fact that Mr. Lawton wore a stiff hat at the time of the hold-up undoubtedly did much to lessen the severity of the blows.

Mr. Lawton was able to be on the streets Tuesday, but feeling pretty sore. He can give no description of his assailant any more than that he was a large man. The place where the hold-up was made is very dark it being out of range of any street light.

Union Watch Meeting.

Union watch meeting services were held at the Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening of this week. The services opened at 10 o'clock with prayer by Rev. James Kelso, Rev. Hunter followed with a few well chosen remarks on "Some Important Events in the Religious World". Rev. Shields then gave a ten minutes talk on "Oregon and the Rogue River Valley the Past Year" in which he gave statistics as to the "resources of the State and Valley and the revenues realized therefrom." Rev. Williams spoke on "Some Events in the Political World in the Closing Year Favorable to Christianity." "How can the Church reach the Outside" was the subject assigned and handled by Mr. F. E. Merrick and Mr. J. E. Watt. They each gave their opinions in a very clear and convincing manner as to how this end might be achieved and the churches, by the methods prescribed, might be thronged with those now outside their walls. Their arguments were not harshly handled, neither were the points made sacreligious, but pure, and honest, and praiseworthy, and it is possible that many of the suggestions offered could be acted upon by the clergymen of our Christian land with profit to the service of God if these clergymen would exercise equally the same amount of energy to save souls they are expected to exercise in filling pews. Rev. Hall closed the evening's exercises with a few remarks touching upon the theme—"What Have I done for Christ and Humanity During 1907, and what will I be able to do for Christ and Humanity During 1908."

The exercises were interspersed with songs, and as a whole the unfolding out of the old year and the ushering in of the new was a very enjoyable occasion for all in attendance.

City Numbering.

In accordance with the order of the council, City Engineer Osgood is notifying property owners of the proper number to be placed on their houses. The house holders, can procure the numbers at any hardware store and tack them on the buildings and he is out nothing except the actual cost of the numbers and his time. The numbers are established in accordance with the plans laid down by the council and are issued from the city engineer's office, and are the correct numbers.

New Cases Filed in Circuit Court.

Stephen Burt vs A. L. Irwin and Flora C. Irwin action to recover \$231.25, due on judgment which was obtained in court in the state of Minnesota. Plaintiff's attorney is H. K. Hanna, Jr.

Mark Applegate vs C. W. Evans et al. Suit to foreclose lien. Gus Newbury plaintiff's attorney.

J. W. A. Carter and L. L. Dunfield vs Revenue Mining Co. Suit to foreclose lien. Gus Newbury plaintiff's attorney.

THE COMING CITY ELECTION

The annual city election will be held on Tuesday, January 14th. The call for the election has not as yet been issued by the recorder as he is waiting for a settlement of the question as to whether Mayor Reddy hold over or not, but the call must be posted Saturday.

In the meantime some 200 citizens and legal voters of Medford, believing that an election should be called for mayor, together with the other officers of the city, have signed a petition asking that the name of J. A. Perry be placed on the official ballot as a candidate for the office of mayor.

The petition was presented to Recorder Collins Thursday, but he, acting under the advice of the city attorney, refused to accept it as a legal nomination. The matter will be immediately taken up in the circuit court and a petition for mandamus to compel the city recorder to file the nomination will be entered.

In the second ward a petition is being circulated for the nomination of H. G. Wortman as councilman and is being numerously signed. Mr. Wortman is one of the level-headed, successful businessmen of the city. He is energetic and progressive, and no one of any faction has any strings upon him.

In the third ward W. W. Elbert's petition is receiving many signatures. Mr. Elbert's record during his term as councilman speaks for itself. He has always been found on the right side and endeavors to apply business principles to his municipal duties.

A petition in the interest of F. E. Merrick is being circulated in the first ward. Mr. Merrick is one of the solid, substantial citizens of the city and should be become a candidate will make a strong run, and if elected will be a first class representative of the people.

New Registration This Year.

Every voter who expects to participate in the primary elections to be held April 27 must register anew, beginning January 6th.

The registration books will be open from January 6th to April 7th, when they will close for ten days before the primaries. They will be kept open until May 15th, when they will be closed finally for the general election to be held in June. Before the registration election in the fall the registration books will again be opened from September 20 to October 20.

All kinds of baked stuff—Vienna Bakery, Call phones 493 and have goods delivered.

—Silver plated milk tubes for sale at the Rogue River Creamery, Medford.