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Piece Goods and Why--Two Excellent Reasons

Some people may wonder why we have decided to put in cotton piece goods. We want you to know at least two of our reasons. First, we had to have more room to accommodate our growing ready-to-wear goods business, and in order to get this extra room we felt that a well-assorted line of cotton goods and staples would fit in best with the lines we carried. Second, we felt that we could save you money—probably not on everything in piece goods, but certainly on almost everything. WATCH THIS SPACE FOR BARGAINS.

A Few of the New Lines

We invite you to see a complete line of Gingham, all grades, Calicoes, Percale, denim, Shirting, Colletons, Curtain Suits, Flannelette, Mullins, Battings, Canvas, Twines, Linens, Nankins, Linings, Outings, and very well lines of white goods and summer wash fabrics, also handkerchiefs and dress linens, lace, embroideries, bed spreads, lace curtains, fancy crepes, draperies, etc., etc.

Calicoes C Cents per Yard

Someone will tell you the first thing that we are losing money. Well, we know how and where to buy goods so that we want you to lose much and yet give the people of Medford some of the best piece goods at reasonable prices: 3500 yards of American prints, in black, navy, calicotta, grey, and light prints; all you want, but not over 15 yards of any pattern to one customer: yd

5c



Sale of Winter Underwear

Now is the time to buy the extra garments to tide you through the winter months. You could afford to buy this underwear and keep it until next season at these prices. Ladies and childrens former 15c garments 10c

25c	15c
35c	25c
50c	35c
75c	50c
1.00	75c
1.25	1.00
1.50	1.25
1.75	1.50
2.00	1.75
2.50	2.00

Complete Line of Summer Underwear Now in Stock

Medford's Modern Ladies Store
Baker-Hutchason Company
First Room North of Jackson County Bank

VOTE FOR SCHOOL BUILDING

At the called election Monday to vote on the proposition of bonding school district No. 49 for \$40,000 for the purpose of building a High school building only 121 out of the 200 or more in the district responded and cast their ballots. The result was probably an average of what the entire vote of the district would have been had it been cast, as it stood 104 for the bonds and 17 against.

The sentiment of the voters was also shown in the vote on the two propositions as to the disposal of the bonds. The first called for the sale of the bonds within the county, and it received four votes. The other made the bonds saleable anywhere and received 100 votes.

So that it is settled that Medford shall have a \$40,000 High School building the location of which is to be determined later.

The erection of this building will put Medford where she should be on the educational plane. With a well equipped public school system, such as this building will insure, and a Catholic Academy, which is already insured Medford can offer educational attractions second to none, if any city of its size, in the state.

The Hruby Minstrel.

In presenting the Hruby (pronounced Ruby) Brothers' Minstrel, the High School Lyceum Bureau feels that they are bringing to Medford one of the best musical societies that they have ever launched. It is a company born, not made, five brothers ranging in age from twelve to twenty-one, young men of the very best habits, talented and with charming personalities, playing sixteen instruments. They are the sons of Frank Hruby, Sr., who is noted as a clarinetist all over the world, having held positions in the largest cities of both hemispheres, and being at present director of the Great Eastern Band. All these boys are born musicians, and have studied music since they could hold an instrument. Some of them have also held splendid positions in some of the best American bands and orchestras. The company is made up as follows:

Frank: Piano, Clarinet, viola, Bassoon, Xylophone, appeared with Liberatti, the Castle Square Opera Company, Innes, the Royal Hungarian Orchestra and other organizations.

Ferdinand: Piano and clarinet, member of the John D. Rockefeller Sunday School Orchestra, and director of the Cleveland, Ohio, Juvenile Band.

Alto: Cello, Cornet, Celliophone (the only one in America), and Trumpet, member of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, was cornet soloist at the age of fourteen with the Royal Hungarian Orchestra.

John: Violin, Cornet and Trumpet.

Charles: Cornet and Trumpet, considered the greatest cornet soloist of his age.

This musical attraction introduces the greatest novelty ever presented to the Lyceum platform, giving quintets, cornet solos and duets, chamber music with the violin, cello and piano, introducing vocal quartets with their instrumental music and an unusual number in duet between cornet and oboe. For a novelty, they give descriptive numbers, such as "The Mechanical Orchestra" and Impersonations of Sousa, Creator and others.

This splendid company of young musicians is assisted by Miss Gertrude Canfield, a new comer to the Lyceum platform, a reader of exceptional ability and promise. She is the Clayton Kid of the present year. Medford Opera House, February 14, 1908. Tickets now on sale.

Chicken Pie Supper.

The Ladies' Aid of the Christian church will give another one of their popular and first class chicken pie suppers Friday, February 14, from 5 to 8 p. m., place—in the new Karnes' building on the West side, between 7th and 8th on G street. There will be many other good things to eat besides chicken pie—as coffee, saucis, bread, butter, home made pies, beans, etc., all for 35 cents. This supper will be worth 50 cents to any one. Cordial invitation to all. Come, sure to be plenty of chicken pie for all this time.

Wanted

Saw-mill man to cut 1,250,000 feet of pine lumber. Can give contract from stump to rail road. Write for particulars, address "B" in care of Mail, Medford, Oregon. 7-24p.

For sale—An excellent quality of brick—in any quantity. G. W. Priddy, Medford, Oregon.

—Read carefully the new real estate list of C. H. Pierce & Son, in this issue.

MEET THE EXCURSIONISTS

In spite of the weather man, who had conjured up a fake snow storm instead of the blue skies and balmy sunshine Orator Colvig intended to tell those Washington people about, a goodly share of Medford's most wide-awake people assembled Sunday afternoon to meet the excursion from Spokane, Walla Walla and other eastern Washington points when they arrived at 3 o'clock.

And again, in spite of the weather-man and the absence of the auto parade, we are certain that the excursionists enjoyed themselves while in Medford, at least they acted that way.

Mr. Colvig more than justified his reputation as an impromptu orator—either on a stump or a railroad baggage truck—for—as he said—the weather had compelled him to cut out that part about the "blue, Italian skies and smiling fields of green," and confine himself to facts—but in spite of that handicap—he dealt out statistics and literature and reminiscences until the California orators will have to go some if they beat the Oregonian-Miscourian.

The intended auto trip to Ashland had to be foregone, of course, but nevertheless there were a lot of industrious boosters in the crowd and their efforts were not in vain.

John Hill Convicted.

"Guilty as charged in the indictment," was the verdict returned Saturday morning in the Federal court against John H. Hill, ex-United States Attorney for Oregon. Sentence was not pronounced and the defense was given until April to file a motion for a new trial. The defendant was also granted until May 1 to submit a bill of exceptions. Chronologically, the significant facts are noted: The case was begun on the 13th of the month, went to the jury on Friday and a verdict was rendered on the 23d day of the trial of the case.

Both the prosecution and the defense was prepared for the verdict, feeling that the speedy decision by the jury indicated conviction. Knowing that a verdict had been reached, the court room was crowded when Judge Hunt took the bench at 10 o'clock. The formality of receiving the verdict, which was read by Deputy Clerk Marsh, occupied only a few minutes, when the jury was excused from further attendance.

The jurors conducted their deliberations with the strictest privacy, and even after they had been dismissed by the court declined to discuss the proceedings in the jury room. It was learned that a number of ballots were taken, the first vote being 11 to 1 for conviction. Ed Ramer, of Linn county, is reported to have been the only dissenting member, and he joined the majority within three hours after the jury retired. M. S. Barnes, of Washington county, was chosen foreman by his associates.

Land Cases in April.

All pending Oregon land-fraud cases, numbering 22, will be taken up at the April term of the United States Court, which will be convened on Monday, April 13. Such an order was made yesterday by Judge Wolverton at the request of Francis J. Heney, who left for San Francisco where, beginning tomorrow, he will assist District Attorney Langdon in the prosecution of Abe Roof. The first case to be tried on April will be on the indictment charging Horace G. McKinley with the forgery of settlers names to fraudulent homestead entries. McKinley was recently apprehended in Manchuria, and is being returned to Portland for trial, having left the United States while under bonds awaiting trial.

The plans of the Government contemplate that Tracy G. Becker, special assistant to the United States Attorney General, shall conduct the McKinley case and try the minor indictments, while Mr. Heney may return towards the close of the term to try Blinger Hermann in the Big Mountain conspiracy case, and also direct the Government's case in the trial of J. N. Williamson, a Congressman, who was recently granted a new trial by the United States Supreme Court.—Portland Oregonian, Feb. 8.

School Re-Opens

The Eagle Point school, which was temporarily closed, has been re-opened with Miss Anna Jeffress as principal and Miss Lillie Ulrich as assistant.

—Medford now has the most up-to-date abstract system in this county. See Jackson County Abstract Co., Palm-Neidermeyer building. 2-1f

O. N. G. CO. ASSURED.

The visit of Brigadier General W. E. Frazier, O. N. G., to Medford on Tuesday, for the purpose of looking over the ground as regards the establishment of a company of the Oregon National Guards at this point, resulted in the most positive assurance of the mustering in of the company within the next few weeks. The main difficulty has been heretofore the finding of suitable quarters for an armory, but with the proposed erection of the Page Opera house building the company has every assurance of being able to secure the present opera house, which will answer the purpose for some years at least. If a lease on this cannot be secured we are informed that C. W. Palm stands ready to erect a suitable building for the purpose and to lease it to the company.

Medford has won out in the competition for the establishment of a company of the O. N. G. over several other Oregon cities and if anything is needed to keep the good cause moving the citizens of Medford should supply it. The National Guard is a whole lot different from the old-time "militia." They are equipped with modern arms and all the accoutrements of the regular soldier, moreover, in the field, they are under the same discipline and subject to the same rules and penalties as are the soldiers of the regular army. Besides the training received in regular drills is a great benefit to the youth. He learns habits of promptness and obedience, to respect not only his superior officer, but himself. He gets a training that in after years may become useful to him, and it is certain he will never regret the hours he spent learning to "right by fours" without scattering over the landscapes, or to come to a "rest" without stamping on his pet corn with the butt of his gun.

The company will be known as Co. H, 11th regiment.

State C. E. Convention

Plans for the eighteenth state convention of the Oregon Christian Endeavor union, to be held in Eugene, February 20 to 23 inclusive, are well under way. The state president, Rev. C. T. Hurd, of Corvallis, announces that strong set of speakers is being secured for the convention. The list includes Rev. L. R. Dwyer, pastor of the First Congregational church of Portland, Rev. W. H. Foulke, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Portland, President P. L. Campbell of the University of Oregon, President Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college, Revs. J. J. Evans, D. A. Thompson, A. A. Winter, and others.

The program is not yet complete, but it includes conferences for the delegates, and open meetings for the people of Eugene, also three simultaneous meetings for Sunday afternoon, the last day of the convention—one each for men, women, and children.

The railroad has granted the usual one and one-third fare to all delegates.

Eugene Endeavorers have organized the necessary committees, and will provide entertainment for all accredited delegates. H. A. Scullen is chairman of the entertainment committee, and all names of delegates should be sent to him.

There are between 200 and 300 of the Christian Endeavor societies in the state, and an attendance of fully 200 delegates is expected.

Musical Studio Opening

Mrs. E. E. Gore announces the opening of her new studio, corner of O and Ninth streets, Monday, February 17, 1908. After completing the four years regular course in Piano, Voice, Harmony and Theory at Gates College Conservatory of music, Mrs. Gore took a post graduate course of one year, carrying on work in the pipe organ department, under Professor E. B. Geer, of Oberlin College, and studying voice under Miss Carrie Dean, a pupil of Luigi Vanucconi, of Milan, Italy.

Mrs. Gore brings to bear upon her work, years of successful experience with pupils of all grades of advancement and through a wide course of study, reading and association with musicians is in touch with progressive methods and the most up-to-date teaching material.

Among the coast teachers with whom she has been privileged to study are, Prof. Skinner, recently of Portland, now of Los Angeles, Madame Von Meyerink, of San Francisco, and during a brief stay in Portland, daily lessons with Mrs. Walter, Reed recognized as an authority on the voice.

—Black sheep for sale—Mostly Ramblets. Address or phone, H. J. Cameron, Jacksonville, Oregon.

FIND A "PIRATES' RETREAT."

In cutting into the back wall of the oil wooden building at the corner of 8th and D streets Friday last, in order to gain entrance into the garret of the building for the purpose of putting in electric lights Emory Purdin discovered an ancient repository of youthful "pirates" in the rear end of the building was a "den" fully fitted up for the use of embryo terrors of the sea or of the high ways, lined and carpeted with blankets and cloth, so that no light could be seen from without and no sound could escape. The youngsters who built this den were perfectly safe from detection, so safe indeed were they that no one except themselves ever had an inkling of such a resort until it was uncovered by the saw of the electric line man.

In the days when Medford wasn't fringing about paved streets or city water, when one could wade across Deer creek, or swim, according to the stage of the water, when we didn't jump at the "honk-honk" of an auto, and were not compelled to stand on one foot in cold mud and swear with the other while a Southern Pacific "fast" freight made up its mind to get off the crossing, there was evidently a desperate gang of embryo bandits, who fortunately for the community and themselves never got beyond the embryo stage. The den afore mentioned was furnished with a table made of a packing box, stools made of smaller boxes, there were a few worn and mouldering cards lying on the table, a few paper chips and other evidences of the ferocious character of the former occupants of the retreat. Among the paraphernalia found were two strong boxes fastened with the regulation strong hasp and padlock, such as no pirate band could be without. Evidently each member had a locker, and his confidence in his companions was not strong.

In the farther end of the attic was the entrance, and it puzzled the hunters of the den for awhile to discover how the former occupants had gained entry to the attic, but finally one of the searchers pulled a string that dangled from the roof and a ingeniously contrived trap door dropped, disclosing an opening in the roof of the building—so well fitted that no complaint had ever been made of leakage in the covering of the building. The trap door is about 12x14 inches in size, which in itself explains the desperate and dangerous character of the former occupants of the den. The string led through a hole in the wall and could be pulled from the outside and its location was evidently known only to the initiates.

The room had evidently not been occupied for years—probably not since its builders grew to such a size that they couldn't get through that 12x14 hole, but those of us who have been boys ourselves can imagine the thrills those kids had as they crept up on that roof in the night and pulled the string that admitted them to the secret den of the "Black Pirates of the Spanish Main" or whatever name the "gang" went by.

The building is one of the oldest in town and was at the time this den was probably built was occupied as a store by Smith & Cranfield, and some of the furnishings had evidently been confiscated from this store.

Stockmen's Association.

The annual meeting of the Jackson County Stockmen's Association was held in Ashland, Saturday afternoon and the following officers were elected: David Horn, president, L. A. Pail, vice-president, L. L. Damon, secretary and treasurer.

S. C. Bartrum, superintendent of the Cascade Forest reserve was present and addressed the meeting on the subject of government allotment of grazing lands, and resolutions were passed. It was resolved

"That we ask the official to extend the users and regular patrons of the reserve as liberal an allotment of range and number of cattle in 1908 as possible, and if reduction and restriction is necessary to make it gradual and the reduction proportional to avoid any radical changes that would tend to financially injure any stockman or the stock industry, be it further

"Resolved, by this association, that we ask the reserve service that tenants who rent the stock ranches (if persons who are entitled to the grazing privilege be granted the same privilege as the actual owner, as the principal value of the majority of stock ranches is the outside range connected with the ranch. Therefore, we ask that due and careful consideration be given the various stock ranches in or near the forest reserve when the general allotments are made."

The above mentioned resolutions were unanimously adopted.

THE MEDFORD COAL MINE

The Pacific Coal Company who are operating the Medford Coal mine have been doing a whole lot of work lately and not saying much about it. Since they took hold of the property in September last a considerable force of men has been constantly employed and new machinery has been and is still being added to the plant from time to time.

The company controls some 7,000 acres of coal lands in the Jackson county coal belt and the big core drill which was installed several months ago will be kept constantly at work during the summer season sinking prospect holes on these lands.

At the Medford coal mine there is 2500 feet of work, all of it in coal, and R. E. Dona, general manager of the company, assures us that there are now at least 50,000 tons of good, merchantable coal ready to be taken out and placed on the market and the work now being done indicates that the supply is practically inexhaustible. They are now 300 feet under pressure and are working in a good vein of coal, nearly clean and getting better all the time, that is about ten feet in width. The floor and roof of the vein is smooth and solid slate and the top of the vein gives every promise of permanency.

The company is now negotiating for a right of way for a railroad from the mines to the line of the Southern Pacific, which connection will be made within a short distance of the Medford depot. The company expects to build and operate its own road and by the time the road is completed—within the next few months if plans go right—the mine will be in such shape that an average product of at least 300 tons per day can be turned out.

The coal now being mined is of a good quality and there will be no question of a market for the product of the mine. Indeed Portland parties are now offering to contract for the entire out put of the mine and there is an equally insistent demand from San Francisco. No better point for the location of a coal mine could have been made than this. Almost equidistant from the metropolis of the north and the south, it can ship its product either way with equal facility as the situation might require and besides there is an immense and growing demand between these points.

The numerous veins of coal—for there are more than one—lie in such a manner that they may be easily and economically mined, so that the product can be placed on the market at a price, we believe, that will solve the fuel question of this and contiguous communities.

There is now installed at the mine a 20-horse power hoist, and a steam pumping outfit together with all the appurtenances thereof. Many Medford people do not realize the magnitude of the work being carried on right at their door—it might be said—nor the advantages to be gained from the success of this enterprise. However, it will not be long until they will have a practical demonstration.

The railroad will be constructed with the view of handling the traffic, however large it may become. It will be standard gauge and equipped to handle shipments without reloading—that is, the cars will be loaded and weighed at the mine and sent to their destination without transshipment of any kind.

Splendid Revivals in Progress

At the Methodist Episcopal church on B street the meetings began last Sabbath under the leadership of Rev. C. M. VanMarter, of Iowa, and Prof. Gray, of Chicago. Evangelist VanMarter does not preach tame sermons, platitudes to take up the time. Every sermon is a stirring appeal, characterized by earnestness of delivery and replete with striking illustrations. Some preachers give you truth in a nut shell, but Van Marter gives you truth in a bombshell. So don't you see a revival develop as rapidly as this one. Souls have already been blessed and brought back to the fold. Another attractive feature of the meetings is the beautiful singing of Prof. Gray, of Chicago. While Rev. Van Marter preaches souls into the kingdom, Prof. Gray sings them into the kingdom. He is assisted by a chorus of twenty or thirty voices. Mrs. Gray, the astute wife of the professor is likewise rendering efficient service. Preaching every night this week and all next week. Every body invited.

Plants For Sale.

I have a limited amount of Mammoth Blackberry and Loganberry plants for sale at \$2.50 per hundred. H. C. Meary, on Jacksonville and Central Point road, Phone 885, 6-2t

ONE MORE CHANCE ONLY

To get a good-sized tract of Good Land Near Medford Cheap—Only \$75 per acre.

Many are looking for TRACTS to DIVIDE. This is by far the best chance at the RIGHT PRICE. Don't wait until some other fellow buys this and then scold your wife because you did not

Seize the Opportunity FOR SALE BY

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