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REAL BARGAINS

Everything Brand New

Below we mention just a few of the fine specials now on sale at this store. Not old accumulations, but New Goods received during the last 30 to 60 days and selling at prices you will be asked for goods not so new.

Everything Guaranteed
Your Money Back If You Wish

Ladies' \$25 Suits for \$13.50

Our 25 new Spring Suits; not one worth less than \$20 and from that to \$25 now on sale, \$13.50 all alterations free for.

Ladies' \$17 Skirts for \$9.89

We have gone through our stock of over 400 separate dress skirts and selected about 100 Panama skirts in black, brown, navy and grey, formerly marked at \$12.50 and to \$17 and offer choice at \$9.89

Sale of Fine Waists

A lot of fine new White Lawn Waists, worth to \$1.50, now only 73c

A lot of fine new White Lawn Waists, beautifully trimmed, worth to \$2.25, for \$1.25

A lot of Extra Fine White Waists, worth up to \$3.00, now only \$1.69

All other Waists reduced 25 per cent.

Regular \$1.50 Petticoats, \$1.00

Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 black Petticoats, the kind that have been retailed before in Medford (only new styles,) for \$2.00 and \$2.25 now on special sale at \$1.00

Regular 7c Calicoes for 5c

Brand new American Prints, the best on the market, not over 15 yards of one pattern to one customer; but as many patterns as you like, very good 5c

Muslinwear Specials

Corset Covers, Drawers, Skirts etc. that formerly sold up to \$1.00, now on our counter at 59c

Corset Covers, Drawers, Gowns and Skirts that formerly sold up to \$2.00 now on our counter at 98c

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We respectfully invite your attention to the strength, conservative management, equipment and facilities which are afforded by this Bank:

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MEDFORD OPERA HOUSE

CHAS. D. HAZELRIGG, Manager

Tuesday, March 24

Wm. P. Cullen presents PIXLEY & LUDERS' Merry Musical Masterpiece

The Burgomaster

With GUS WEINBURG, RUTH WHITE and over Half A 100 OTHERS, including the famously original

KANGAROO GIRLS

Original Production. A Veritable Triumph. Bigger, Brighter, Better than ever. New songs, ideas, surprises

Private Boarding House

MRS. FAY, Proprietor

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REV. W. C. REUTER AGAIN REPLIES TO JUDGE COLVIG

Blind "Judge" Colvig in his last reply dropped his sarcastic method of treating religion and a tone of courtesy pervades his article, I am determined he shall not outdo me in courtesy. In one or two of his references he is not altogether just to me, but I purpose to take the more charitable view, and believe it was an oversight on his part and not due to something intentional.

He has given the view of Dr. Collyer and some other clergymen concerning the theatre. Would it not be well to think for a moment who some of these preachers are? Dr. Collyer is an extreme Unitarian. He is a Unitarian clergyman. He denies the Deity of Christ and the vicarious character of his death. When a man rejects the two cardinal doctrines around which the Gospel revolves, he should not be surprised if he should endorse the theatre. Now as to Dean Farrar. A great many people do not know that he leaned toward Restorationism. And from a clergyman who is so Unitarian, it is not to be wondered at, that he should endorse certain worldly amusements.

Bishop Potter, of New York, upholds the saloon, and certain rationalistic preachers in Germany go to beer-gardens on Sunday; but because some preachers do this, we Americans don't want the country full of beer-gardens, and beer-guzzling preachers. Because Washington kept slaves it does not follow that slavery is right. And because a few rationalistic preachers uphold the theatre and the saloon, it does not follow, that the theatre and the saloon are elevating institutions. That the "Judge" and the reader may know the attitude of some high-standing Episcopalians and Roman Catholics toward the theatre and the dance, I quote the following: Bishop Melville, of the Protestant Episcopal church, thus declares his judgment on the subject:

"Let me now turn to two objects, in which there is no difficulty of discrimination—the theatre and the dance. The only line I would draw in regard to these is that of ENTIRE EXCLUSION. And yet my brethren. I am well aware how easy it is for the imagination to array both of these in such an abstract and elementary simplicity, so divested of all that gives them their universal character and relief, that no harm could be detected in either. And the same precisely can be easily done with the card table and horse race."

Bishop Mead, also of the Protestant Episcopal church, thus condemns dancing: "As an amusement, seeing that it is a perversion of an ancient religious exercise, and has ever been discouraged by the sober-minded and pious of all nations, on account of its evil tendencies and accompaniments, we ought conscientiously to inquire whether its great liability to abuse, and its many acknowledged abuses, should not make us frown upon it in all its forms. I object to it because it tempts to vanity and love of display; it induces a strong desire to enter on the amusements of the world at an early period, in order to exhibit accomplishments thus acquired, and to enjoy a pleasure for which a taste has been formed; it leads the young ones exactly into an opposite direction to that pointed out in the Word of God."

The following was contained some years ago in a Pastoral Letter of the Provincial Council of Baltimore, the voice of the Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church: "The dangerous amusements, prominent among the evils we have to deplore, and which is an evidence of growing licentiousness of the times, may be reckoned a morbid taste for indecent publications, and the frequency of immoral or positively obscene theatrical performances. No entertainments seem sufficient to satisfy the fast degenerating spirit of the age unless they be highly sensational, and calculated to gratify the most prurient appetites. We can hardly say who deserve a stronger condemnation, the actors who pander to the most vitiated tastes, or the audiences who encourage, by their presence, and applaud these grossly indecent exhibitions. Both actors and spectators appear to vie with each in their rapid march down the slippery path of sin. We deem it particularly our solemn duty to renew our warning against the modern fashionable dances, commonly called "German" or round dances, which are becoming more and more the occasion of sin. These practices are so much the more dangerous as most people seem to look upon them as harmless, and indulge in them without any apparent remorse of conscience. But Divine revelation, the wisdom of antiquity, the light of reason and experience, all concur in proclaiming that this kind of entertainments cannot be indulged in by any virtuous persons, unless they be more than human, without detriment to their souls, or even be present to take part in such amusements, where the eyes are dazzled by an array of fascinating objects, where the senses are captivated by enchanting music, and the heart is swayed to and fro amid the surrounding gaiety and excitement."

W. C. REUTER

Medford Wins Again.

It wasn't much of a game, from the standpoint of the baseball expert, at Jacksonville Sunday between the Medford and Jacksonville teams, but there were several interesting spots, and the man who likes to see the ball hit out surely got his money's worth. The score was an imposing one—13 to 10, and the errors would make almost as great a total. Rippey, who was on the mound for Medford in the first three innings, has some good balls, but he lacks control, and was somewhat nervous in being pitted against the redoubtable Irishman. Seven runs were gained off his delivery in the third after there were two men out, but it wouldn't have been so had not Wilkinson thrown the ball into the bleachers instead of where Hopkins could reach it. It's very seldom that the Medford short-stop makes a wild throw and he hasn't stopped growling at himself about it since. In the fourth Wick, of Ashland, went into the box and for six innings held the lead hitters of the county seat down, only allowing one hit and that a scratch in the ninth.

The bright, particular stars were Eifert and Hopkins. In the early part of the game Eifert was a little uncertain at the difficult corner, but later redeemed himself by taking in some hot ones without a skip and shooting the ball to first like a professional. But where he got the "hand" was when he plucked a high foul fly off the back fence, after sprinting at least forty yards to get under it.

Hopkins, though, in the "real thing." He covered first in big league style, and the way he eluded that ball was good for sore eyes. Five times up and four hits—two of them three-baggers. What do you know about that. Silvers had the strong arm in the early part of the game and twice threw the bat clear over Eastman's head at second, giving Wilkinson an opportunity to do some beautiful backing up. He stopped both throws and held the runner, but if he had missed the ever reliable Isaac was right behind him to remedy the error.

Joe Thompson was in uniform for the first time this season and covered the left garden as well as it could be done. He has gotten partially over his habit of dodging the swift ones while at bat, and hit the ball like he meant it.

Happy Eastman took care of second and covered himself with glory and some dust.

It might as well be said, though, that there will have to be more practice and a better article of ball put up if the team expects good crowds. We fans can stand a "rotten" game once in a while but more than "two-in-a-row" is pressing the mourners.

En passant we might say that if there had been a column in the score book for errors of the umpire, the scorer would have been compelled to put a mark or two in that column.

Factory to Move.

The Medford Sash and Door Company is soon to remove their factory from its present location, north of Seventh on E street, to a location south of Wood's Linn yard, near the oil tank. They have acquired a large piece of ground for their new site and will put in an improved and enlarged plant.

Paul Hansen, manager of the company, is engaged now in drawing up the plans for the new factory and has ordered a considerable amount of new machinery which is to be installed in the new factory. Mr. Hansen states that the company was forced to enlarge their plant owing to the large increase in business during the past year.

Applications for Grazing Permits.

Notice is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses and sheep within the Cascade (Maxima) National Forest during the season of 1908, must be filed in my office at Medford, Oregon, on or before April 1, 1908. This new division includes Districts No. 15, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of the old Cascade (South) National Forest. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making application will be furnished upon request.

C. J. Buck,
Acting Supervisor.

—Silver plated trocans, for use for relief of cows when bloated, for sale at the Rogue River Creamery, Medford.

LUMBER WAGON TO AUTOMOBILE

A. W. McPherson, the Griffin creek orchardist, has purchased a new Buick automobile from the Hudson Auto Company, paying \$1250 therefor.

It was not many years ago that the owner of the McPherson fruit farm was not giving any special attention to automobile purchases. The publisher of this paper can remember a time when J. McPherson, father of A. W., came to Medford to make a limited amount of purchases in a lumber wagon, but he didn't come often—couldn't afford the time. He worked hard on that little fruit orchard for five or six years and about that time the fruits of varied hues and flavors began to appear on the carefully attended trees, and immediately following the coming of the fruit there began coming his way the golden double eagles with an endorsement of Uncle Sam's guarantee of good faith printed thereon. A couple of years more and Mr. McPherson was, in street parlance, on Easy street, and a carriage brought his good family to Medford to do their trading and to Sunday worship. A couple of years more of an annual importation of these golden eagles and Mr. McPherson had acquired a competency for his declining years and he gave into the hands of his son the care of this orchard and he and his good helpmate moved to Medford, bought property and built a fine home. A couple of years more and the aged couple got a notion of traveling and last fall they rented their home and started out to have a good time—and that's what they're doing at this time. As evidence of the fact that the son has also been gathering unto himself a goodly sum of the coin of the realm we need only mention again the recent purchase of this automobile.

This is an exceptional case—there are hundreds of similar ones in this valley of ours, but this one is mentioned because of the fact that the writer has personal knowledge of the facts.

New High School

The school board having in charge the erection of the new High School met on Tuesday evening to consider plans. Three were offered; one by Perkins & Lyons, one by C. E. Collins and the third by Charles Burgraf, of Albany. The board has not as yet announced a decision as to which plan is the more favorable.

Perkins & Lyons submitted a plan for a brick building with granite trimmings, and with modern equipment for ventilation and heating throughout. It is estimated that a building conforming with their plans would cost approximately \$27,000.

C. E. Collins plan presented plans for a very handsome structure. It is of brick with granite trimmings. It is estimated to cost about \$27,500.

The plan submitted by Charles Burgraf, of Albany, did not specify the use of granite, using in its place cement. The board stated that they wished to have the building as a monument in Medford and therefore would not consider cement trimmings. Mr. Burgraf was asked to change his plans, using granite for the trimmings.

March Jury List

The following is the jury list for the March term of Circuit Court which convenes on March 23, 1908: John Demmer, mechanic, Medford. Victor Bursell, farmer, Central Point. E. R. Oatman, farmer, Talent. Emmitt Beeson, farmer, Talent. D. R. Hill, orchardist, Medford. W. E. Page, capitalist, Medford. E. W. McClendon, capitalist, Gold Hill. W. R. Buck, farmer, Buncom. Frank Cameron, farmer, Union. K. A. McCallister, farmer, Ashland. E. C. Payne, carpenter, Ashland. J. G. Briscoe, farmer, Trail. Wm. Flippen, farmer, Rock Point. G. A. Hoover, orchardist, Phoenix. L. B. Warner, salesman, Medford. Nelson Uge, farmer, Florence. Rock A. Gibson, farmer, Sterling. Ed Robinson, farmer, Talent. J. E. Watt, capitalist, Medford. W. B. Holmes, merchant, Ashland. W. H. Johnson, farmer, Applegate. George Lyman, farmer, Gold Hill. Fred Dunlap, farmer, Talent. C. C. Million, farmer, Ashland. W. A. Cook, farmer, Gold Hill. Chas. Metz, clerk, Medford. F. Ossen, brewer, merchant, Medford. I. C. Burnett, merchant, Central Point. George Dewey, merchant, Talent. A. Prussit, farmer, Roxy. Robert Siewing, tailor, Medford.

For Sale.

At a bargain—2 1/2 miles North of Medford eight acres Newtown apples in bearing, with pear-planted between. Three and fifty-seven one hundredths acres with fair buildings, seventy-five pear trees. Best of soil. Can give possession at once.

W. G. Smith,
12-11-p Postoffice box 83, Medford.

WILL DEVELOP IRON LANDS

An iron smelter is the next big plant to claim the attention of the residents of the Rogue River Valley and according to statements made to a reporter of The Mail by C. H. Johnson, a Portland capitalist, such a plant will be established on the Iron lands north of this city, as soon as the final question is settled. And the coal mine is expected to settle that soon. Mr. Johnson has been watching the development in the matter of the mine for some time and as they seem to be working out satisfactorily, Mr. Johnson came down from Portland to look over the situation.

"Last week," said Mr. Johnson, "a friend of mine was here from Portland with a party brought here by Mr. Lewis and he told me on his return that there was something doing in the coal line in this vicinity, so I thought I would come down and see for myself. I came, and I am going back to stir up my friends in regard to the development of that property."

"If we can make satisfactory arrangements in regard to obtaining fuel from the mine we will put in a large smelter and get out iron—we have had our property experted and are sure that we have a valuable asset there. The iron is there to be taken out but we could not do so unless the fuel question is settled. One must have coal and plenty of it at a reasonable rate to make such a proposition as ours pay. Evidently the coal is here to be sold but it is as yet a little too early to learn what we can obtain for it. We intend to keep in touch with the situation and will certainly put in our plant as soon as it is practicable that we do so. A plant such as we expect ours to be will employ from 100 to 150 men."

Cash for Groceries.

The grocers of Medford are considering the advisability of placing their trade upon a cash basis, believing it to be the best plan for their customers and themselves. The more will not be made without a notice of at least sixty days so that the customers will have an opportunity to adjust themselves to the new basis.

In a city of this size the grocers who grant a liberal credit carry thousands of dollars on their books and higher prices are of a necessity charged for goods in order to meet the interest on the money the grocers are forced to borrow to carry on their business. If cash is paid for goods it does away with this interest and the grocer can afford to sell commodities at a lower price.

The consumer, who under existing conditions buys more than he would if cash were paid, would save on his grocery bill from month to month and would doubtless be pleased with the arrangement after a few months when he has become accustomed to paying cash.

The grocers are not as yet all of one mind on the matter but it is expected that they will be able to agree soon.

"They Have the Stuff"

Such was the opinion voiced C. W. McDonald of Long Beach, California, formerly of Pennsylvania, regarding the local coal mine. Mr. McDonald's opinion is of more than passing interest for he is an expert coal miner and has had many years experience in Pennsylvania coal mines which rival the best in the world.

Mr. McDonald visited the coal mine last week accompanied only by a friend and inspected the entire mine.

It is believed that he visited Medford at the instance of Pasadena capitalists who are interested in the mine, although he was non-committal upon this point. But certain it is that he visited Medford purposely to inspect the mine.

"I am satisfied," said Mr. McDonald, "that the local mine can be made to pay. There is coal there and good coal for all purposes save where only the high grade hard coal must be used. The fact that the grade of coal is improving as they are getting further into the mountain indicates that a little further on that there will be a sufficiency of high grade coal. It can be easily mined and the company has got hold of a good proposition."

"I understand that the company proposes to install a gas plant. The coal they have is a splendid one for gas purposes and such a plant should pay."

Mr. McDonald declined to discuss his reasons for visiting the mine, other than to state that he visited Medford expressly for that purpose.

HAVE CHOICE OF RIGHT OF WAY

The committee appointed by the Commercial club to secure a right of way for the entrance of the P. & E. railway into the city reported Wednesday evening to the club that they had secured all of the options on the property for a strip of land 25 feet wide on each side of the Southern Pacific right of way, and that the P. & E. could take their choice. The strip on the west side of the track can be secured for \$375 and the strip on the east side for \$560. The side favored by the company is the latter, but the difference in price may force them to take the west side, putting a crossing at the junction with the Southern Pacific will be made just south of the exhibit building.

The depot will also be located near there. The report was adopted by the club and the proposition is now in the hands of the Pacific & Eastern.

The club expected their meeting on Wednesday evening to meet with the ladies of the Greater Medford Club, but owing to a misunderstanding the ladies did not appear. A meeting is to be held in the near future to which the ladies will be expressly invited.

A resolution was adopted asking that the Fulton joint reversion, now before congress, be amended so that the bona fide innocent purchasers of railroad lands will not have their patents to the land set aside. This resolution was adopted in accord with those adopted throughout the state by commercial bodies.

An excursion is being planned by Portland business men to visit this section of the country when it is at its best—the middle of April. The club began making preparations on Wednesday evening for the reception of the excursionists, and their entertainment for the 12 hours they will be the guests of Medford. It is planned to get all the autos possible to take these excursionists about the country, showing them as much as possible of the resources in and about Medford. The excursion will advertise this city to a great extent and can be done at little cost to members of the club.

Another Election.

The citizens of Medford will have the chance now to say whether they want water for the city from Little Butte creek or not. The city council after a meeting held Wednesday afternoon ordered a special election to be held April 3rd, to vote on a bond issue of \$300,000 to provide the necessary funds.

The water committee decided in favor of the Little Butte creek as a source for the water supply. The water will be piped a distance of 22 miles to a reservoir to be situated a mile above the city on the east side.

The water mains on Seventh street are to be laid as quickly as possible. There has been some delay in the shipment of the pipe for the mains but it is thought that ground will be broken within the next week.

The council passed a resolution extending the water main on Oakdale avenue to a point within 200 feet of the city limits.

A committee was appointed to investigate different forms of fire alarm apparatus and to report as soon as possible. The system is to be installed as soon as a decision is reached.

The Burgomaster.

W. P. Cullen has made a big revival of Pixley & Luders' famous musical comedy success, "The Burgomaster," and will present it at the Medford Opera House Tuesday, March 24th, with a large cast, headed by Gus Weinstub and Ruth White. These two sterling players are the originals in the roles of the genial old Peter Stuyvesant, burgomaster of New Amsterdam, and Willie, the gay youth who leads the governor around New York when he is re-incarated. The company will number 50 people. The production is an especially handsome one. The costumes have been revised and are all new. Especial attention has been paid by Mr. Cullen to the voices of the chorus, as well as to the beauty of the feminine portion. "The Burgomaster" was the first of the Pixley and Luders pieces to gain popularity, others being "The Prince of Pilsen," "King Dodo," and "The Grand Mogul." The music is of the singing and whistling variety, and it is said that more copies of "The Tale of the Kangaroo" and "I Love You" have been sold than of any other songs brought out in musical comedies.

—For the best bargains in Farm, Dairy, or Stock Ranches, or Fruit Lands, call on or address Harness & Thornton, Yoncallis, Oregon. f. t. f.