

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

King's for Lowrey's, Aldon's and Gauthier's chocolates.
 Jack Risley transacted business in Medford Thursday.
 Mike Hanley, a rancher and stock raiser of Little Butte creek was a business caller in Medford Thursday. Mr. Hanley is heavily interested in the cattle business, and reports that all of his stock are doing well and from the present outlook there would be little if any feeding done.
 Editor S. A. Patterson, of Central Point was a caller in Medford Thursday.
 Owen Keegan of Jacksonville was a business caller in Medford Thursday afternoon.
 Eaton Horbut's Christmas stationery, the best stationery on the market, Hull's Art Studio, 317 Seventh st. 226.
 Seely Hall, son of J. C. Hall, who had the misfortune to bruise his knee, thereby necessitating the putting on of a plaster of paris cast, is improving and the limb can be saved from stiffness in the joint. The plaster of paris cast will be removed in a few days.
 H. P. Meender, foreman at the old St. Ann orchard, was a business caller in Medford Thursday afternoon.
 Frank Amey of Central Point was a caller in Medford Thursday.
 Miss Jeannette Butler, teacher of piano, theory and harmony. Residence in West Medford. Telephone 791. 17.
 Notwithstanding the rainy weather, the residence property building boom still continues in Southwest Medford. There are under construction in the Ross addition alone 12 houses of different sizes.
 Mrs. J. A. Stewart and daughter, Mrs. Dillon Hill, and grandson, Howard Hill, left on the southbound train for Oakland, Cal., where they will make an extended visit with relatives. Mrs. Stewart will spend the entire winter in Oakland, but Mrs. Hill and her son will return to Medford within two weeks.
 A \$25 gold watch to be given away as a New Year's present at Hull's Art Studio, 317 Seventh street. 226.
 W. J. Mahoney, station agent for the Southern Pacific at Grants Pass, arrived in Medford Friday morning to look after business matters for a few days. Mr. Mahoney was agent in Medford for several years.
 Mrs. J. W. Perkins returned to Medford Friday morning after a week's visit in Portland with relatives.
 James C. Ream, wife and daughter who have been visiting with Mr. Ream's brother, D. B. Ream of Medford, for the past week, left this morning for southern California points, where they will spend the remainder of the winter before returning to their old home in Potosi county, Iowa.
 Miss Mulkey's annual clearance of millinery begins Saturday, December 7, and will continue for two weeks. Prices cut below cost. Come early and secure your pick of latest designs of all kinds of headwear. 231.
 Tonight, opera house, Clayton Jubilee Singers.
 Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Cook of Lagoda, Ind., who have been visiting at the home of J. P. Peley in East Medford, have completed their visit and left for southern California. They formed a favorable opinion of Medford and may return and make this their permanent home.

A. E. Hicks of the Medford Granite works, who has been out at their mine quarrying rock to supply their shop with a crew of workmen, returned to Medford Thursday evening. They will proceed with their work at the shop at once.
 The regular meeting of the A. F. & A. M. will take place at their hall this (Friday) evening.
 J. K. Bardsdall, councilman from the second ward, is confined to his bed on account of grippe. Mr. Bardsdall, while not serious, is a very sick man.
 Rev. J. L. Adams of North Medford Friday celebrated his 75th birthday. He was born in Vermillion county, Indiana, December 12, 1832. He resided in Illinois and Iowa and in several counties in Oregon, having been a resident of Oregon since 1853. He preached his first sermon as a minister of the Christian church in 1854.
 W. P. Entrop returned to Medford from Little Falls Friday evening for a few days' visit.
 W. B. Andrews of Jacksonville was a business caller in Medford Friday morning.
 C. L. Reames, deputy district attorney from Jacksonville, was a professional caller in Medford Friday.
 J. H. Fitzgerald, who has spent the past month in eastern Oregon, returned Friday.
AN INDUSTRY UNAFFECTED BY FINANCIAL FLURRY
 The legal holidays that have been prevailing for some time past have evidently been taken advantage of by the hens, too, for they assumed a state of inactivity that is just beginning to close.
 With eggs retailing at 45 cents per dozen and clearing-house scrip to pay for them with, Rogue River valley is emerging unscathed from a short period of temporary depression, but with the conviction firmer than ever that the poultry business is one at least which holds its own under all circumstances. Turkeys and chickens are selling at a price remunerative to their raisers in the big markets of the coast, which is increasing as Christmas and New Year approach.
MINE EXPLOSION, DUE TO COAL DUST BLOW-UP
 BELLE VERNON, Pa., Dec. 12.—The coroner's jury investigating the explosion in the Naomi mine of the United coal company at Fayette City, Pa., which resulted in the death of 34 miners, today returned a verdict stating that the explosion was caused by gas but, believed to have been ignited by sparks from electric wires or open lights. It recommends amendments to mining laws so that human life will be better protected and the present laws rigidly enforced.
 Confederate Statesman Dead.
 NASHVILLE, Dec. 13.—Colonel A. C. Calver, a distinguished jurist and statesman, died at his home today, aged 90. He was a member of the confederate congress.
Coal for Sale.
 We are now prepared to furnish hand dicked coal at the mine, five miles east of town, in any amount desired, 7.50 per ton.
 PACIFIC COAL CO.

Coat Hangers Free
 You Should Come For These Soon

Here is a chance to secure a present for yourself or some friend. Don't miss it. While they last (and we have a goodly number) we will give a 10c wire coat-hanger with every purchase of ribbon amounting to 25c or over. We think we are selling the best plain and fancy ribbon on the market today, and simply want you to try us on ribbons. If you are going to buy ribbon, might as well buy here and get a coat-hanger FREE.

Buy Useful Presents
 We'll keep them for you until Xmas

In our buying for the holiday trade this year we fought shy of the jinnicks and useless articles and usually lay about this time of the year and bought heavy on the useful articles, such as Gloves Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas, Bags, Belts, Back Combs, Neckwear, Sweaters, Waists, Skirts, Raincoats, Knit Shawls, Etc., Etc. LAY IT AWAY. If you don't want to take the article just now, we suggest that you come in and pick it out and allow us to lay it away until Xmas eve. Then you can take it with you and no one will be the wiser. Don't let it go until the lines are picked over. Our goods are all new.

Ladies' Belts Galore
 A WONDERFUL ASSORTMENT.
 A belt makes a very acceptable gift. We have the newest ideas in elastic, silk and leathers—all sizes and all grades. Come and let us show you. You will recognize the values very quickly.
 25c AND ALONG TO \$2.00.

New Leather Bags
 We have the leather bag assortment of southern Oregon. Our collection of styles is very good. Alligator bags are all the rage now, and the genuine wears for years and years and always looks good. The prices are right.
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Ladies' Silk Underskirts
 ALSO THE SATINE, HEATHERBLOOM AND SILK MOIRE.
 Have you seen those beautiful plaid silk skirts? They are certainly handsome and of such good silk, too. All plain colors and several beautiful plaids; an extra grade of silk at the low price of..... \$7.00
 A lot of Colored Silk Skirts; extra value;..... \$3.98
 Limited supply of Colored Silk Petticoats..... \$5.50
 Silk Moire Skirts, in black only, extra value..... \$4.25
 Ladies, a nice petticoat would be acceptable as a gift for some one.

Buy Raincoats Now
 \$27.50 VALUES FOR \$16.50.
 Our entire line of Silk Raincoats is now on sale. You can get the best rubberized silk in plain colors, plaids and stripes; all sizes; sold regular in the cities for \$27.50 and over; our former price \$20.00; now on sale to close the lot at the ridiculously low price of..... \$16.50
 A Good Umbrella would come handy these days. We sell the lasting kind.
 \$1.00 AND UP TO \$7.00.

Swell Back Combs
 BUY HER A BACK COMB.
 Where is the woman or young lady who does not just love a new back comb? Men, you can please her by selecting one of our many handsome styles. She will like it all the better for your having selected it for her. Our assortment is complete, nearly every comb having come to us less than 30 days ago.
 25c AND UP TO \$1.00.

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 SEE THE WINDOWS **BAKER-HUTCHASON CO.** SEE THE WINDOWS.
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 KEEP YOUR MONEY AT HOME **EIFERT** FRENCH DRY CLEANING AND REPAIRING NEATLY DONE
 The City Tailor Medford

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 HOT ROLLS FOR BREAKFAST
 or dainty little dinner rolls that will tempt the appetite of the most fastidious, is the kind we serve every day when ordered. Breadstuffs, light, white and delicious, is our specialty, as well as the richest, finest cakes, pies, try and pies. When you want to enjoy your meals, order your bakedstuffs from us.

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 Colonial Porch Work, Grill and Lath Work, Patterns, Etc. :: ::
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 15 dozen Ladies' Silk Hand-Made Collars; just the article for Xmas; come in boxes 50c to \$1.50
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 \$10.00 Tops \$7.50
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 AT GREAT REDUCTIONS.
 \$22.50 Black Waterproof Coats..... \$18.50
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 An Overcoat is just the thing for husband, brother or sweetheart.

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 THREE HUNDRED PAIRS HOUSE SLIPPERS, BLACK, RED BROWN, \$1.00 TO \$2.50
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