A SATURDAY SOLILOQUY FAMILY OF SEVEN

Same Seing a Repudiation of Certain Slanderous Assertions Running at Large About Town, a Vigorous Denial of Base Instituations Tending to Connect a Prominent Politician With Authorship of a Certain Editorial That Frightened an Animal With Horse Sense in a Journal Whose Circulation Will Always Be Large, as Long as It Is Given Away.

Some mulicious slanderer has circu- Medford be wet and it dry, as it would lated the infamous falsehood that I wrote make Medford the biggest city in Ore the editorial in the Medford Morning gon outside of Portland to be the only away and injured Mr. Ehwegen, "states don't believe in free labor and furned that for mayor, "I want to information to be the only date for mayor, "I want to information." date for mayor. "I want to inform my friends and adherents that it's a lie. fake started to injure my political

prospects.

"This thing of blaming me for everything in the Mail has got to stop, or there's going to be trouble. It's a plot to mix me up in the wet and dry fight, and hurt my chances in the next

When He Is Wet or Dry.

Between ourselves, I'm not wet ex cept when I'm sweaty and I'm not dry at me and see I don't believe in water Neither do I in beer, for I haven't the

"Now the Mail," continued Mr Root, "is a dry paper, dry whatever way you look at it except in humor, and there it's wet. The Mail is going to run Shorty Garnett for mayor and it' trying to take away from me my prohibition delegates, but they can't do it Dave Miller won't let them, and Dave handles 'em just like Shorty does hi-Sunday school. Oh, Dave's pretty smooth. He catches 'em coming and going. He says Statement No. 1 is a better platform than Toledo ranges for me to run on, though I asked him wha was the matter with my feet.

Russ on Principle.

"I'm going to run for office on prin ciple. I need the money. Shorty's run ning for the advertising in it. He's cut out the newspapers for prohibition says it gives him more advertising. and if he beats me out and is elected he'll go around, like Mayor Matlock of

Eugene, telling how his profits increase. "We got a \$1000 lawyer new. Me and John Cox and Doc Adkins and some other live ones made up the pot. At first we thought wo'd tackle Wasson canyon water, but Doe Adkins says he'd only put up to save the children, though he was willing to give his experience at the meeting free. So we made Shorty our depositary (spell it with an A).

"Say, did you know that Lawyer Hough of Grants Pass offered to takthe case for nothing for the prohis? Said Grants Pass couldn't afford to let

Social and Personal

The Ashland council will open bid-

A. Alford of Talent is still quite ill.

Thomas Ballard and his wife, who have been residing in East Medford during the past year, left Thuroday for

W. J. Fredenburg, former night watch wan, has established a brickyard in the southwestern part of Medford.

W. F. Ashpole, Charleso Thomas and other residents of Eagle Point were over from that town Friday.

Frank Isases is attending one of the gurdens of the Pendleton ball team and

doing the job nicely.

Postmuster Tex, Joseph Boswell, J

D. McNabb, W. Williams and other re-

idents of Central Point were in Med

ford Friday. Mrs. F. W. Carnahan of Blue Ledge

Clarence Mecker is on duty again at the old stand after a short vacation.

R. D. Powell of Portland is in Med

J. Wilson of Phoenix transacted busi

J. J. Owings of Coquille, the photog rapher, a former resident of this county, arrived in Medford Priday on a visit to

bis brother, George. Firman Zana, a thrifty farmer of

Do you use Davis' Best Flour! Don't

let your greeery talk you into buying other brands shipped in Davis Best sells for less money and guaranteed to give satisfaction. Try a sack and br

Jesse Hodges of East Medford was kindly remembered by the stork Thurs day morning, when he left a pair of twins, a bouncing boy and girl, at his home. The day before one of his cow-

O. Enger, who has been a resident of Medford for some time past, left for his former home in North Daktota Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Carlton of Eagl-Point precinct made Medford a visit

Wednesday.

Mrs. M. A. Laughorne, wife of

prominent Tacoma lawyer, is visiting in Medford, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Metz. She is on her way

home from southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Allen of Holly-

ood erchard were among the throng in

George Brown of Eagle Point, county commissioner, was in Medford Priday on his way to Jacksonville on official

business.

Miss Bose Buckley of Applegate is visiting near Medford, the guest of the McAudrew family.

John Crump and John Walters of Sterling were in our city one day this

gave birth to twin calves.

is making Medford a visit.

ford on legal business.

convinced.

Medford Thursday.

ness in Medford Thursday.

Colestin Mineral Springs Hotel opens her of ye Jane 15 nuder new management, Mrs. Thursday.

Creek district on land business.

their former home in Mentana.

J. D. Stone, lessee,

E. Maltby is down from Trail

for the proposed hard surface pave ment of Main street, next Tuesday

evening.

Wants Occupation Tax.

"I'm in favor of the occupation tax then committed snigide. if we go dry. Every soda fountain and drug store should pay \$500 a year ti cense and the express office ought to pay the cost of the Wells-Pargo block every month for handling packages. The church collections will be so much hig-ger with the prosperity that prohibi-tion will bring that each preacher can afford to pay a big license. No trouble about raising the coin. Put an occupa-tion tax on the curbstone knockers and

see how hig a purse you get.
"Say," continued Mr. Root, "you dont' see Gus Newbury so much now adays as you used to. Last time I saw Gus he was watching the pipe trench digger throw dirt up at the rate of a yard a second. He looks at it a long time, then shakes his head.

" Pretty good,' says he, 'but when it comes to slinging dirt, that machine ain't in it with The Tribune.'

How Dunn Lost Election. "And that reminds me of how the poor farm inmates done up Judge Dunn at election. He lays his defeat to

them. ... 'Ain't you going to vote for me? says the judge to them.
'''Nope,' says they.
'''Why not,' says he, 'Ain't I taken

you out of a regular hellhole, built a fine new hospital for you and made you comfortable, made you county patients instead of paupers ?* '-'Yes,' they admits, 'but you raised

taxes 66 2 3 per cent.

"But to get back to the Mail, I should think anyone could tell that I wasn't writing for it steady. It ain't up to my form, except when Blinky Stewart gets busy. "Just because I have contributed to

the Mail to help them out intellectually it is not fair to hold me to account for everything in their editorial columns. Some of it is fierce enough to scare any animal with horse sense, Besides I ain't no nature fakir.

"And now," concluded Mr. Root, having talked so much about the Med ford Morning Mail, I'll go and brus-my teeth,"

in ordinance to cover the case.

R. B. Wilson of Portland, who bought

has been spending several days in Med

ford. He is connected with the United States government service.

John and Thomas Godfrey of Antisch

O. Schmatte of Coleman Creek h

been in Medford several times lately,

F. H. Osgood of Scattle, who has bee operating in the mines of southern Ore

gon and northern California for a nu

er of years, was a Medford visito

A. B. Cornell of Grants Pass, the wid-

John and Plorence Walker, the Evan

reck shake makers, are making Med

Ben Melvin of Gold Ray, the genic electrician, was in Medford and Jack

C. G. Roberts of Hood River is visit

man Merrick, who have been visitio

in Medford, left for their homes on th

from Poorman's Creek during the week. Mrs. Theresa Layton of Grants Pass passed through Medford Friday evening in route to Jacksonville.

Pred Coppel of Applegate did basi case in Medford one day this week. W. Bayley of Lakeview and Solor

Shattnek of Fort Klamath have been appointed notaries public by Governor

Anyhody wishing to invest in one of

he nestest, most modern and best local

ed homes in Medford, should adriess P. O. Box 448.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Munsey of the Hobbs Wall Lumber company at Cres-cent City, Cal., are visiting kere en route to their home from a vacation in

outhern Oregon. Frank R. Neil of Engle Point district

was in Medford Saturday proving up in his timber claim.

Judge J. R. Neil, county judge elect spent Saturday in Medford.

Attention, Sdd Fee Ses od 19 books.

ford regular visits.

morning train.

hamberlain.

Bams Valley, was a recent Medford vis Mrs. Olive Bell, postmistress at itor. Brownshore, made a business trip to

sideration was \$25,000.

SLAIN BY MANIAC

Woman Becomes Suddenly Insane and Kills Husband and Six Children, Then Shoots Herself-Every Shot Tells, for Her Aim Is Deadly.

CADILAC, Mich., June 13 .- The whole city was shocked this morning by a tragedy that wiped an entire family Cropsey, becoming suddenly insane, killed her husband and six children and

The woman was but 40 years of age. and no one suspected that she was losing her mind until the terrible affair of today was over. She went to bed last night in a cheerful mood, according to the neighbors, and got up this morning and prepared breakfast for the family.

As the family was scated around the breakfast table, Mrs. Cropsey suddenly appeared at the door leading from the kitchen with a revolver in her hand and cried: "Here's where we all go." With that she turned the revolver on her husband, instantly killing him with the first shot. The children, ranging from 5 to 18 years in age, were too shocked to move, and before they had time to say anything, their insane moth-er had killed two of them. The others ran screaming into other parts of the house; but, reloading her revolver as she ran, the insane woman followed them and killed them all, one after the other, with her deadly aim,

The shots had by this time uttracted he attention of neighbors, and some ran into the house to see what was the mat-ter. The woman met them at the front door and with a wild srick turned the revolver to her head and sent a bullet through her brain.

MASONIC GRAND LODGE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Officers were elected and a mass of contine bausiness was transacted by the grand lodge of Oregon, A. F. & A. M. which opened its 58th annual communi cation in the Masonic temple at Port-land this week. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Grand master, Edward E. Kiddle, Island City; deputy grand master, Norris R. Cox, Portland; sculor grand warden, Charles E. Wolverton, Portland: injor gran warden, T. M. Baldwin, Klamath Palls; grand treasurer, W. A. Cleland, Port land; grand secretary, James F. Rob-inson, Portland.

ANOTHER MAN VICTIM OF

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 13. necessary for the city conneil to pas-An unknown man believed to be John Hill, was picked up early today by po-licemen on the Barbary Coast, uncon-J. M. Sweeny of Detroit, Mich., has bought the old Bleacher place, located scious and bleeding from injuries that may prove fatal. The name John Hill, found on the inside of his coat, is the in Sterling precinct, and containing 1408 acres, of Mankins Bros. The cononly mark of identification that was

bout his person, The police believe that he was robbed nd beaten in some of the resorts of the tenderloin and dragged out on street and left to die. He was badly beaten about the head and his pockets were among the many in Medford dur-ing the week.

HELPS WESTERN STATES

WASHINGTON, June 13.-Through analyertence, the western states con-mining forest reserves will receive 25 per cent of the receipts for the sale of timber, rental of forest grazing lands, concessions and leases for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, instead of 10 per cent which they were expected to receive under the agricultural appro-priation act passed at the second session of the 59th congress. This increasto the states for the year 1908 was o outcome of the fight made against the forest service policy by certain west ern senators, notably Senators Heyburn of Idaho, Teller of Colorado, Carter es

Montana and Clark of Wyoming.

During the controversy in the sounds on the subject an amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill was pronoised providing that 25 per cent of the noney received from each forest reserve should be expended as the state or terri tory in which such forest reserve was located might prescribe. In drafting the amendment the afiguage of the prior act was used, which read, "Including the year ending June 30, 1908," and the amendment as thus framed was adopt As the receipts for the current fis cal year ending June 30, 1908, will be about \$2,00,000, the western states will receive \$500,000 for the use of schools. stend of \$200,000 as was expected.

In Hot Weather

table water-fair nature's

Parker RESORTS ON BARBARY COAST ROTARY Hammer

DOUBLE ROLLER ESCAPEMENT PATENT SHUTOFF AND

MARTIN J. REDDY

NEAR POSTOFFICE. WATCH, CLOCK AND JEW ELRY REPAIRING. ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

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ANDERSON & BURBIDGE, The Draymen

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Alarm Clock

The Jeweler

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Are You Satisfied Every Time You Buy Goods?

ARE MAKING THE LOWEST PRICES AND TURNING OUT THE BEST CLASSES OF MERCHANDISE WE THINK THAT THE PEOPLE OF MEDFORD ARE DOING THE SAME THING. SO WE ARE TAK AND ARE NOT ONLY SELLING THE BEST GOODS MONEY CAN BUY TO SELL AT CERTAIN PRICES, BUT WE ARE ASKING VERY CLOSE MARGINS AND ON TOP OF ALL THIS WE ARE GUAR-ANTEEING SATISFACTION ON EVERYTHING YOU BUY. HENCE SATISFACTION IS SIMPLY THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU ARE BUYING THE BEST FOR THE LEAST, AND EVERY TIME ANY THING HAPPENS TO BE WRONG YOU CAN COME BACK AND GET IT MADE RIGHT.



New Wash Skirts

Extra Big Shipment in

DUCK LINEN AND LAWN SKIRTS IN WHITE ARE JUST IN. WE HAVE HAD A SRIPMENT IN BEFORE, BUT THEY WENT OUT SO FAST THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO SAY MUCH ABOUT THEM IN THE ADS. THIS LOT OF SKIRTS IS SURE TO PLEASE YOU. THEY ARE MADE PLAIN, WHICH MAKES THEM EASY TO KEEP PRESSED. THEY ARE VERY GOOD STYLES AND EVERY ONE HANGS BEAUTI FULLY, YOU CAN SEE THE VALUES AT A GLANCE.

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OLD PRICE

10-pound bag Rolled Oats 1 bottle Bluing . 5-lb. can Wadeo Baking Powder....\$1.40 1 dozen cans Hominy 1 quart Grape Juice 1 dozen Catsup ... 4 bottles Mustard 3-lb, can best Blend Coffee

1 dozen Jelly ... 1 dozen Tar Soap, large 1 dozen Green Gage Plums 1 dozen Bartlett Pears

2 dozen Good Laundry Soap \$1.00 I gallon Ripe Olives 1 gallon Salad Oil dozen pkgs. Violet Wheat \$1.20

Yes, IT PAYS: HERE IS THE SAVING

NEW PRICE

10-pound bag Rolled Oats	35¢
1 bottle Bluing	
5-lb, can Wadeo Baking Powder	
1 dozen cans Hominy	\$1.44
1 quart Antonia Olive Oil	85¢
1 quart Grape Juice	48¢
1 dozen Catsup	
4 bottles Mustard	
3-lb, ean Best Blend Coffee	
1 dozen Jelly	
1 dozen Tar Soap, large	75¢
1 dozen Green Gage Plums	
1 dozen Bartlett Pears	
2 dozen Good Laundry Soap	
1 gallon Ripe Olives	
1 gallon Salad Oil	
1 dozen pkgs. Violet Wheat	
Total	\$20.20

See us; we name the price

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Notice to Water Consumers

For the purpose of testing the new awake agent for the Oregon Life In-surance company, has been doing busi water mains that have recently been laid, the water will be shut off all the mains in the city from 8:00 o'clock a. corriction, was in additional and Jackson ville on interesting business this week.

Carl Thompson is making his under Joseph G. Martin, a visit. He is on guged in farming not for from Spokane. m. to 8:00 p. m. on Monday, June 15. and from 8:00 o'clock a.m. to 12:00 ing relatives living in Medford. Messrs, Copeland and Petrie of North Dakota, former neighbors of Cosmeil m. on Tuesday, June 16. You are, therefore notified to prepare for the same, for the city will not be held re-Grownshore, made a business trip to Medford Friday.

The Rogue River Valley Baptist arso cution will held its annual meeting at Central Point June 2, 3, 5.

E. F. C. Kellog is among as signing after a short absence.

Pearce Bross, the miners, were over from Pearce. sponsible for any accidents that may arise from the same.

BENJ. M. COLLINS, City Recorder.

KIDD'S SHOES FOR THE KIDS

TRY A PAIR

WE WANT TO BUY LANDS

Realty Bond Syndicate of Oregon W. H. Stalker Secretary

Jackson County Bank Annex o

John Crump and John Walters of Sterling were in our city one day this week. There is much complaint because certain ladies do not remove their bats while attending the local theaters, even when requested to do so by the managers. Many of the patrons of the play are greatly annoyed by this un