**Christmas** Presents



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SUBSCRIPTION RATES. 

### LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE IT.

It seems a wise move to let the people of Medford vote on the wet and dry question, and this decision be binding upon the council.

The factional fight between prohibitionists and antiprohibitionists has injured Medford more than any one thing during the past six months, and it will be an excellent thing to have it ended.

Only as a united city can progress be made by Medford. Discord and bickering, business boycotts and ill will, all operate to the detriment of any place-and it is this sort of thing that knocks cities more effectually than anything To that last road, the one they loved the else.

The people of Medford had no trouble in settling the water question when the council couldn't. They should have none in settling the booze problem. The city charter confers upon the eitizens the power and right-so let use be made of it—for neither this or any council will or going down the old remembered ways agree upon it.

Not the least of the advantages gained will be the opening of the way to secure the right kind of men for city officials. Few business men care to mix in the wet and dry fight, or become partisans in it—and with it pending. would refuse to serve. With it removed, the principal objections also go.

Prospects are excellent for a fine class of candidatefor Medford citizens to choose from for city officials Mr. J. A. Perry, the first one to enter the lists for the mayoralty, is well known as a progressive eitizen and business man. He served for a year as president of the Medford Commercial club and is favorably known in commercial circles as manager of the Rogue River Fruitgrowers' Exchange. Let other business men of equal standing and repute show their public spirit by offering their services to the community.

Judge Colvig made a decided hit representing the Rogue River valley at the Admen's Apple night at Port land, and gave Medford a lot of good advertising among those who write ads, and so where it counts best-and his efforts go a long way to make up for the lack of progressiveness shown by orchardists in not exhibiting their prod ucts.

TALENT ITEMS.

on Friday morning's train on route for

most enterprising little towns between Ashland and Roseburg. And the South

ern Pacific company are lending all th

help they can, which means a great dea

MARRIED.

NAVY SYSTEM INVESTIGATED

WASHINGTON., Dec. 2 .- Presiden

Roosevelt, it was stated today, con-

Medford on business.

## ORDERS HIS COFFIN AS JOKE; DIES FEW MONTHS LATER

(By a Subscriber.) NEVADA CITY, Dec. 2.-How would Miss Clara Territi of Talent, who teaching school at Grants Pass, cam-up Tuesday to spend Thanksgiving with you like to select your coffin when in good health and then up and die to fill her parents at Talent.

it! That's what happened to George Mrs. Thomas Lamb and her daughter Miss Katie, of Talent went down to Kuhn, formerly of this city. Some months ago, in his undertaking parlors Medford Friday on the morning train at Virginia City, Nev., he jocosely in-formed his wife that he had ordered a returning in the afternoon. Mrs. George Dewey of Talent wa

urday.

fine casket, as he would probably need it before Christmas. Nothing further was paid to his remark until last Tueswhen he died of typhoid fever, his strange words were vividly tocalled. He was some years ago elerk in the National hotel here, and during

his residence in this place married Miss day with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Houston Z. B. Coleman, our clever mail carrier, says a portion of his route is getting Lucy Mitchell. They were very devoted to each other. very muldy.

CRACK PITCHERS DEMAND MORE SALARY TO STAY

Edwin Markham, who made a worldwide reputation a few years ago with his poem "T he Man With the Hoe," has written for the Christmas Woman's Home Companion a poem that is con-sidered to be even greater than "The Man With the Hoe." Many who have read Markham's new poem, "Before the Gospels Were." consider it the greatest verse of reseat y ars. "Before the Gospels Were." talk, with work-add verse of recent y ars. "Before the lospels Were" tells, with wonderful poetic imagination, the story of the gathering together the materials for the gaugeds of Christ's disciples after bis ascention. Never before has there been presented so illuminating a pic-ture of what Christ's life meant to his disciple and what the second lisciples and why it was so accurately reflected in their gospels. The opening verse of the poem is:

Long noons and evenings after he was gone, Mary the Mother, Matthew, Luke and

John, And all those who loved Him to the last, Went over all the marvel of the past-Went over all the old familiar ways With tender talk of dear remembered days.

They walked the roads that never gave flim rest-Past Jordan's ford, past Kedron's bridge, Up Olivet, up Hermon's ridge,

bent:

The climax of the poem is reached in he last verse, which sums up all the the thoughts that have been expressed in the preceding lines:

On many a lingering walk, They held their wonder talk, Minding each other of some sacred spe Minding each other of a word\_forgot; red spot

So gathering up till all the whispered words Went to the four winds like a flight of



Grand holiday exercision. Round trip ickets \$16, good for 15 days, baggage hecked, return allowed any time with in limit. Ashland to San Francisco ing Saturday, eaving Saturday, December 26, 1908, in regular overland train at 11:35 a.m. Sixty or more excarsionists will make the fare \$15. T. K. BOLTON.

EMIL PEIL, Ashland, Oregon.

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New Cases.

Lulu Myrtle Rockford vs. Charles Rockford; suit for divorce. Withingtor & Kelly, attorneys for plaintiff. Jennie Head vs. Peter John Head; suit for divorce. H. K. Hanna, Jr., attorney for plaintiff.

Marriage Licenses. Mike Morgan and Smalene R. Seh

Circuit Court. C. F. Livengood vs. Mary E. Livenood; divorce; decree by default. Murtha Stunkard vs. Matthew Stunk nd; divorce; decree by default.

We're going to move some of our arniture about the first of the year. Ve move to the room now occupied by Denel & Kentner, Until that time you wil the given special prices on a good nany pieces of furniture, carpets, etc. and 25 per cent discount on any piece slaced in our show windows, Ladics, hould not forget to register. You don't ave to buy, Melford Furiture Co. 232

### That Christmas Present.

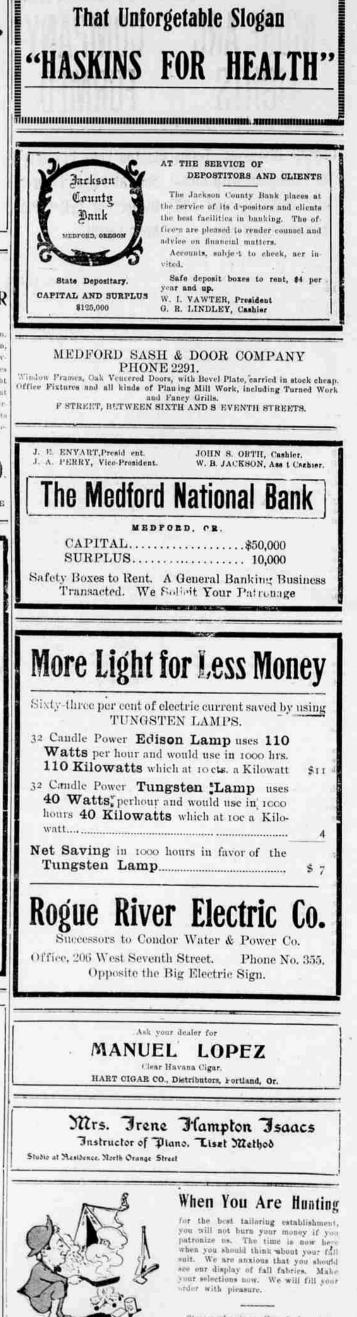
a Medford business caller last Friday George Roberts of North Talent wa nice piece of Mission Furniture in Medford last Friday on business. would be just the thing. Pretty, useful, durable, and a suitable gift for anyone. Z. Z. Lane, Talent's notary, made a business call in North Talent last Sat Let the Mission Furniture Works make Prices about one half usually charg Any design, any color, any finish, C. E. McClain and wife spent Sun tull, waxed or polished. Drop in. Shop

n corner of Highth and H streets. ' Attention, Ladies. Mrs. William Breece of Talent was

Owing to our late and loss, I will lose my dressmaking parlors until Monday, December 7, when I will be ready to resume business and welcome you.



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**Furniture Drops** 

Great bargains before we move. Watch our win-

dows for specials. An elegant line of

**Rockers for Christmas** 

Ladies, don't forget to register.



CHICAGO, Dec. 2. - Baseball fan Miss Katie Aldredge of Talent took dom in Chicago is greatly agitated to Friday morning's train for Myrtle day over persistent reports that Man-ager Frank Chance, "the peerless," and Mordecai Brown and Orvie Overall, the two crack pitchers of the Cabs, will

the two crack pitchars of the Cabs, will not appear with the world's champions not appear with the world's champions ent were Medford business callers last next season unless their demands for Friday. Mr. Gibbs purchased a fine ore salary are granted. Brown has an offer of \$5000 to man disc plow while there.

Residents of North Talent are in e a semi professional team, and Over I says he has more money in sight. hopes the electric light company new proparing to light the business houses Not long ago Chance announced he would go with the Cincinnati team if President Murphy refused to increase n Talent will extend their line on down our way. Talent is getting to be one of the

his pay.

### BREAD LINE STILL IN

EVIDENCE AT SEATTLE

to any town. When any railroad dis criminates against a small town means much against its progress, SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 2 .- Despity the prosperity wave that has visited many parts of the northwest since the election, there is in this city a bread line of men who are out of employment. WILSON NEALON - Thanksgivin

but willing to work. During the last few days they have During the last few days they have been calling at the headquarters of a charisable society, which has been giv-ing them elothing and food. On some Sams Valley and Miss Margaret A. days they came in large numbers. It is said that most of these men have come

in from the farming districts, where they could find employment if they cared for that kind of work.

VESSELS REPORTED LOST

VESSELS REPORTED LOST IN ENGLISH CHANNEL DOVER, Eng., Dec. 2.—Two vessels are reported to have been in collision in the dense fog in West Bay this morn-in ing and to have gone down with all on board. Lifeboats are scarching the scene, When asked about his acceptance of

MRS. MINNIE COOLEY. 000 24 B Street.

### NOTICE TO BED MEN.

A full attendance is requested at the next regular meeting of the tribe, Wed-nosday Sleep, December 2, as election of officers for the ensuing term and other important business will come up, L. L. JACOBS,

# Chief of Records. Medford Time Table

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY. Northbound

Northbound No. 16 Oregon Express... No. 14 Portland Express... Southbound No. 15 California Express. 5:24 p. m. 9:49 a. m 10-35 a. m.

No. 13 San Francisco Exp. . No. 225 From Grants Pass ... 3:20 p. m. 9:15 p. m. No. 225 For Ashland ... 10:15 p. n PACIFIC & BASTERN RAILWAY No. 1 Leaves Medford . . No. 3 Leaves Modford . . .1 S:10 a. m 2:50 p. m. No. 2 Arrives Medford 110:28 a. m. 5:08 0 No. 4 Arrives Medford. ROGUE RIVER VALLEY RAILWAY No. 2 Leaves Medford. 110:45 a. m 4 Leaves Medford 5:35 p.m.

Motor Leaves Medford Motor Leaves Medford 2:00 p. m. 9:00 p. m. 9:00 a. m. No. 1 Leaves Jacksonville. No. 3 Leaves Jacksonville. 3:30 p. m. Motor/Leaves Jacksonville,. 1:30 p.m. 7:30 p. m. Motor Leaves Jacksonville. MAIL CLOSES A.M.P. M.

9:19 4:54 10:05 2:50 7:20 2:00 10:20 5:20

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