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A LIVE PAPER IN A LIVE TOWN.

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MEDFORD'S FIRST POSTOFFICE.

Medford's first postoffice, made out of an old soap box, can be seen in the windows of Hussey's cash store, on West Seventh street. It was constructed in 1883 by J. S. Howard, "the father of Medford," at that time postmaster, mayor, express agent, store keeper and general pol-bah of the crossroads.

Though only containing a few partitions, the box was ample for the mail business of 25 years ago. Medford at that time had but one frame house, that occupied by Mr. Howard, who ran a general merchandise store, surveyed the townsite between times and did other public and private business of too many kinds to catalogue.

With the survey of the railroad through Medford began the growth of the city, which has continued steadily ever since. The soap box was soon too small and had to be discarded for more modern conveniences.

From the small beginning of a soap box a quarter century ago, the postoffice has grown until it now occupies a storeroom 35x100 feet in size, and even it is too small. The half dozen partitions have expanded into 500 self-locking boxes with many more demanded. Instead of the two minutes a day taken to sort the mail of 25 years ago, the entire time of half a dozen people is consumed. The few straggling farmers coming for mail have been multiplied into thousands and a long line of expectants stand in wait anxiously after every train. The \$2 or \$3 monthly receipts have now been rolled into over a \$1000 a month, and only the masterly inactivity of the city council in not enforcing street signs and house numbering prevents as many letters being brought to each house in the city daily as was brought to the Medford of 1883.

Twenty-five years have witnessed the silent farm made into a bustling city; have seen the chaparral give way to brick blocks and paved streets; the one country store has been supplanted by scores of modern emporiums of commerce equal to those of a large city; the youngest town of southern Oregon has blossomed into its lusty metropolis.

The coming 25 years should see as much relative progress as the past in the upbuilding of Medford. The land about is as studded with natural resources as the jeweled collar of a great lady of leisure is sprinkled with gems—resources as yet hardly touched. To be true, some 40,000 or 50,000 acres of the fields of waving, tassled grasses have given away to world-record-beating orchards, whose products are famous in all markets of the world; but there is room for ten times the acreage now planted. Outcroppings of gold bearing rock have been surface scratched and yielded millions, but little systematic effort made to develop mines. Great fields of coal underlie the eastern rim of the valley, here and there sending a black vein to the surface—yet serious development is hardly yet under way. The great forests still stand untouched by the hand of man. An immense body of copper underlies the peaks of the Siskiyou—just scratched deep enough to indicate its immensity. Power enough to dwarf Niagara is daily lost in the roaring of the Rogue.

Will the growth of Medford continue? Yes, if the spirit of progress rules the future—nothing can stop her. And progress means a united effort for the upbuilding of the city and the development of resources—not the wasting of energy in factional fights, or in discord—but a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull altogether.

A Christmas Store



Dear friends and patrons, this store is really and truly a Christmas store. Everything about it speaks for Xmas and the gladness that the holidays bring. We have labored hard for many months collecting the assortments of good, useful articles suitable for presents. We selected not only the newest styles, but the best values that money could buy, and we are selling these Xmas things for a good deal less than most stores ask at this season.

Looking for Santa

is the title of this picture. Tell all the children that Santa will hand to every child who visits this store the day before Xmas a small remembrance. Now, don't forget, it will be worth coming for.

From 4 to 5 p. m. every day from now until December 24th Santa will appear in our big show window. Send him a wireless message every day from 4 to 6 p. m.

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The CHRISTMAS SALE

See the New Window Displays

There is something on sale and actually reduced in every section of this big store. You can save at the sales of Suits, Skirts, Waists, Silk Skirts, Handkerchiefs, Child's Coats, Fancy Aprons, Fancy and all Linens, Dress Goods, Baby Headwear, Etc., Etc.

We invite comparison—if we can't save you money we don't want your business. We are selling a lot of goods, so be careful before buying—for we feel absolutely sure that our prices and values are lower.

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All Sorts of Gifts For Everyone

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The Medford Book Store

Is always the best place to get your Christmas presents. All we ask is for you to come in and look over our stock, the largest in Medford, at the lowest prices.

LOOK FOR THE BIG SIGN