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AMATEUR DESPERADOES.

TWO YOUNG LADS LEAVE THEIR HOMES
TO RUN AWAY.

Following the example set by some of the larger boys, Loid Cox and a son of George Riggs, both about ten years of age, "took the road" last Friday, with the idea that they were doing something to be proud of, and that would win them fame and admiration of the Evans and Sontag style.

The Riggs boy, alias "Leandy Neil's Son," obtained a quarter of Mrs. Cox under the pretext of wishing to buy a new hat. The boys then induced one of the Miller boys to let them have his gun, stating that they were going to Dead Indian and would bring him a pony to pay for it. Cartridges were purchased with the money, and, after some little preparation, the boys set out along the railroad track. They were next seen at Steinman by Lee Minkler, who telegraphed the information to city marshal, G. W. Smith.

After one night of desperado life, the Riggs boy became "home-sick" and returned, leaving young Cox alone with the empty gun. When last heard of, Cox was stopping with a relative of Nim Long, in the Siskiyou. He will be sent home at once.

ATTEMPT AT KIDNAPPING.

Quite a little excitement was caused, Monday afternoon, by the arrest of —. —. Lomas for attempting to kidnap his son from the possession of his wife from whom he separated some time ago.

The little fellow was in Frank Hasty's confectionery store with his mother when Loomis tried to steal him. Marshal Smith told Lomas to leave the child alone, whereupon Lomas attacked Smith, who, with the assistance of Constable Real, arrested him. Lomas was released without trial.

Perhaps you don't know it, but now is the time to subscribe.

MEDFORD'S BLAZE.

The magnificent school building of Medford, situated Southwest of the business center of the city, was destroyed by fire early Monday morning. The firemen and the citizens were out in force, but nothing could be done beyond protecting neighboring buildings.

The fire is thought to have been started by some tramps, who, having been arrested, declared their intentions of "getting even," and, to all appearances, carried out their intentions.

We are informed that the building cost somewhere between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Some of our Ashland merchants are conducting their business in such a manner that they are driving trade to neighboring towns, whose merchants do business in a business-like way and let the people know it by a liberal use of printer's ink. The man who thinks that he can do business without advertising would do well to shut up his store before the sheriff does it for him. Patron your home papers, and your home people who read the home papers will patronize you. Advertising always pays.

At the present time, when low prices prevail, the farmer, orchardist or vineyardist who handles his routine work, as well as his crop, the most cheaply and expeditiously, is the man who shows the best profit for the year. It therefore follows that since the Ajax Coal Oil Gas Engine is the latest, best and cheapest power obtainable, that Palmer and Rey, San Francisco, Cal., are in a position to help you add materially to the net profit of your ranch. Investigate and be convinced.

Medford had another fire supposed to have started from the same cause as the school building. A barn situated within two blocks of the school house and belonging to George Justice was burned Monday night. Loss fully covered by insurance.