WHAT PEOPLE SAY

W. A. Hood, who used to be a carpenter, quit that business, a couple of years ago and since that time he has been gardening. Although somewhat of a novice at the business, yet from three acres of ground, on Iowa street he is easily making a good living. Besides having plenty of feed for his horse and cow and all the vegetables for the table use at home, he realizes fully $600 per year from the truck he sells and he is finding very healthful employment. He has had green peas from May and had nice ones for the Thanksgiving season, as his many customers can attest. He had fine celery, some of the bunches weighing over six pounds. Other products did fully as well. Now he is going to be well prepared for carrying on the business, having already installed an electric motor, which brought up much moisture from one well and now he is putting in a windmill and a reservoir. With such an equipment he will be in fine shape to carry on the business on a large scale. He informed the Courier man that the family only buys flour and sugar, aside from clothing, having all the good things desired from the garden patch, all-the-year-round.

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Well, we are soon to have another city election," sagely remarked a voter, who resumed as follows: "and now it is up to us to decide who shall fill those important places. To my way of thinking, this is a very important matter. In fact, the future welfare very much depends upon the manner in which our municipal affairs are handled. Newcomers take notice of such things and if they find that our city council is conducting things in a safe, but businesslike manner, they are favorably impressed and in order to have the affairs carried on that way, it is of great importance that only men of recognized ability and integrity be chosen for those places. So, I for one, am deeply interested in seeing the best men chosen and to that end I am working and will continue to work until the polls close next Monday evening."

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"It is too bad that the people of Grants Pass do not appreciate a really meritorious play more than they showed they did by the way they patronized the Kilties," said Mr. Kinney. He spoke all too truly, for as he and everyone else knows, the people seem to want the cheap, poor aggregations and they will pack the playhouse to hear such nonsensical stuff. Mr. Kinney lost about $30 in his efforts to afford the play lovers of this vicinity a good and wholesome attraction and it is enough to discourage him from endeavoring to bring the better class of performances to this city.

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"Say, Mister Pencil-Pusher, did you realize how our population is increasing?" was the salutation with which the newsgatherer was accosted by once observing citizen, who continued his remark after this fashion: "Yes, did you notice that there were three births in one day in this city, last week? That doesn't look much like Grants Pass people believed much in race suicide, does it? And say, if the population continues to increase at such a rate and the new comers keep on pouring in here, why we are going to outdistance all other cities in Southern Oregon, sure!"

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H. W. Warrington, a Canadian, in subscribing for the Courier, writes from British Columbia, enclosing "One good Canadian paper dollar." He adds: "I have been reading about Grants Pass and surrounding country and I am thinking some of paying the district a visit." In conclusion he says: "This dollar is perhaps the forerunner of many more Canadian dollars that may follow, if your country is as good as you say it is."

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"Just how one woman can be possessed of the magnificent sum of $30, these hard times is what gets me, was the comment made by one resident, upon hearing that Miss Ireland had lost her purse, containing said amount. Miss Ireland says it was something unusual for her to carry so much cash around with her and she would gladly divide the filthy lucre with the finder, if the keys were also returned.

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"Did I go to that Commercial Congress, just held in Oklahoma, to which I was appointed as a delegate by Governor Chamberlain? Well, I guess not. Why I get such empty honors thrust upon me by that official about half a dozen times a year, but that is only a plan the Governor has of trying to curry favor with us fellows," said Attorney Robert Glenn Smith to the news rustler.

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"You'd be surprised to learn how many people there are hereabouts who, until judging by the way they register have no political party these days," was the way City Recorder Clements talked to the reporter. "Yes, almost everybody in registering, when asked about their political party, remark that they belong to no party. Of course they can make such a response and still vote at the coming election, as there were no primaries held and the voter does not have to state his political affiliations."

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Gen. B. F. Pike, of Moro, Sherman county, who is Past Commander of the Oregon Department, of the G. A. R., has been in Grants Pass, visiting with old army friends and others. He has attended two G. A. R. encampments in this part of the state and enjoys coming over this way. He states that the financial situation in Eastern Oregon is very good and in fact that it has never been better. They have record breaking crops, both as to yield and quality. The wheat is stacked out in the sheds and in every available place, awaiting cars for shipment to the markets. The stockmen have lots of fat beef cattle, while the horsemen are in fine trim. Whereas a few years ago they had to put up with $25 cayuses, now they have $350 and $300 Clyde and Percheron draft animals. He feels confident that as soon as the money situation improves throughout the land, his section will prosper fully as well as it has been doing in the past.

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Judge W. S. Crowell, who is president of the First National Bank of Medford, spent a part of last week, visiting with Grants Pass acquaintances, and in speaking of his recent trip to eastern parts of the country, he took occasion to say that he found the financial condition there really better than it seems to be here. He was in his native state of Ohio, as well as in New York and he managed to run up to Washington, the national capital, where he paid his respects to President Roosevelt. He is an ardent admirer of the president and complimented the chief executive upon his admirable work in checking the panic in financial matters. He told the president that "as a democrat, a banker and a Western man," he paid the compliment. This seemed to please Mr. Roosevelt very much and he shook hands twice with his western friend. Judge Crowell remarked that he found the President looking the very picture of good health and found him to be a man brim full of vitality.

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M. K. Landen, secretary and vice-president of the Grants Pass Box Factory is up from San Francisco, on his first tour of inspection. He is greatly pleased with the lay of the land here and is delighted with the good work being done by the large plant. Sunday he took a walk around the city and expressed great pleasure in the beautiful scenery and said that if the people here only realized their fine situation they would be able to make much out of it in telling the eastern people of its site. He thinks that if such a people as the residents of Los Angeles could only have such a pretty location as Grants Pass now has, they would boast of it all the world over as being one of the finest on the continent. Mr. Landen is a business man and appreciated the splendid outlook in this direction for this section of country.

A Hard Debt to Pay

"I owe a debt of gratitude that can never be paid off," writes G. S. Clark, of Westfield, Iowa, "for my rescue from death by Dr. King's New Discovery. Both lungs were so seriously affected that death seemed imminent, when I commenced taking New Discovery. The ominous dry, haking cough quit before the first bottle was used, and two more bottles made a complete cure. Guaranteed by all druggist. 50c and $1. Trial bottle free.

He Fought at Gettsburg

David Parker of Fayette, N. Y., who lost a foot at Gettysburg, writes: "Electric Bitters have done me more good than any medicine I ever took. For several years I had stomach trouble and paid out much money for medicine to little purpose, until I begun taking Electric Bitters. I would not take $500 for what they have done for me. Best of all for lame back and weak kidneys. Guaranteed by all drug stores. 50c.

Everything at Cost

The new firm of W. J. Gardner & Co. which recently bought out the Dry Goods stock of E. C. Dixon, is offering some big bargains by selling the goods at cost.

We Must Have More Room

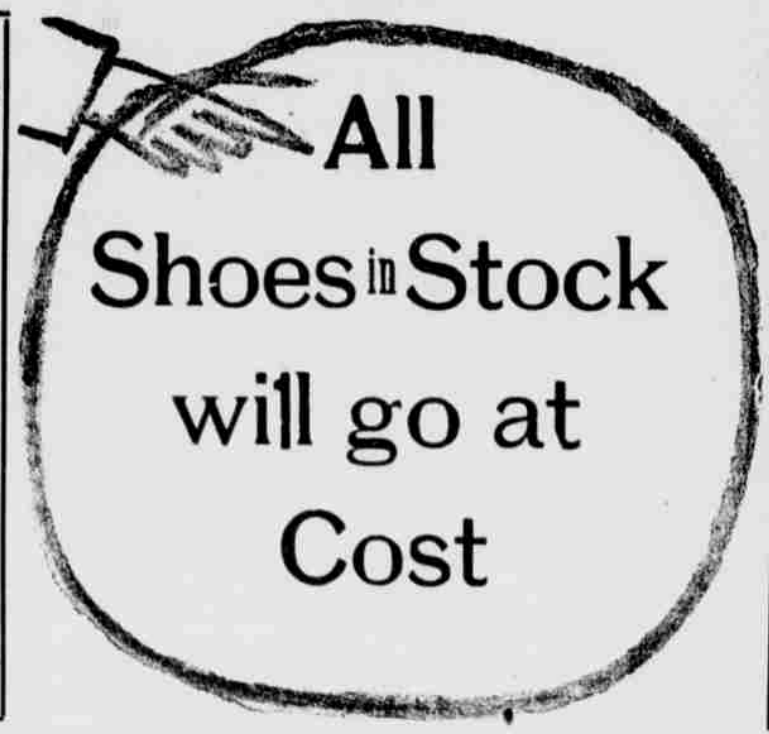
And in order to move the goods, we are offering them at ROCK BOTTOM PRICES, as we have a new line of goods coming in later.

See These Big Bargains

$20 Ladies Jackets selling at	$6.00
$12 " " "	$4.00
$7 and $8 " "	$3.00
Girls' $6 Jackets Selling at	$2.95
" $5 " "	$2.10
Boys' $5 Suits Selling at	$3.00
" $4.50 Suits Selling at	$2.65

You can't afford to miss these rare bargains and now is the time to make your purchases. Come early and secure your selection.

This sale will be pushed until these goods are sold, as we must make room for the large new stock which will soon commence to arrive.



As an indication of the sweeping reduction we are making in our shoe department, we quote a few prices as follows:

The genuine Crossett Shoe for gentlemen, regular price $5, now..... **$3.50**

The genuine Crossett Shoe for gentlemen, regular price $4, now..... **$2.90**

Ladies Queen Quality Shoe, regular $3.50 now..... **$2.35**

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And don't forget to come at once if you want to secure these snaps. MONEY SAVED IS MONEY MADE and here is your chance to save much good cash.

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