



Winter SHOES

Now as winter is here, every man needs a pair of good heavy soled shoes. We have several special styles with soft, easy uppers and double soles, just the kind for winter wear

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Good resolutions are now in order.

Let us not forget that the Poultry Show comes next month and then we should plan accordingly. If everyone takes an interest and makes an effort, the affair is bound to be a success.

After an existence of eight months the Seattle Morning Times suspended publication November 30. The publishers state that the financial loss has been \$78,000 during these eight months and that it is apparent that the paper cannot be made a financial success.

If, as the papers would seem to indicate, Cortelyou and some of President Roosevelt's closest followers should have a "falling out," we may expect almost anything unlooked for to happen. These are the days when the political prophet is much in evidence.

The men who run the newspapers of the country are enjoying anything but a picnic of late. The cost of publication has increased 40 per cent in the last 10 years and 25 of this increase has been tacked on the last five years. The newspaper is the only commodity which is costing the consumer no more and yet nobody appreciates the benefit.—Field and Farm.

This is the time of year when we appreciate good roads and those localities which are fortunate enough to have such improvements are to be congratulated, while the less fortunate parts of Josephine county ought to make a good, strong resolve that ere another winter season rolls around, they too, will have good public thoroughfares.

It is very nice to have fresh strawberries and raspberries on the table right here on the verge of the holiday season, as many a family in Josephine county is now having. The fact that here, the middle of December we have not yet had a killing frost is truly an "eye opener" for the newcomers sojourning in our midst.

It is reported that the French are the most saving people in the world, and the Bank of France at this time holds one third of the world's coined gold. French small investors are encouraged by a postal savings bank system and by the issue of bonds of small denominations guaranteed by the government.

The following advertisement is taken from a newspaper published at Horchst, near Wiesbaden, Germany: "Can anyone favor me with the names of the balloonists who when passing over the village of Ried last Thursday evening dropped a bag of ballast down my chimney and completely ruined a fruit tart which I was cooking? Julia Schmidt, 14 Britzelgasse, Ried."

A circular from the general land office announces to all concerned that new forms of applications for homestead entry, soldier's additional home-

stead entry, desert land entry, and for timber and stone sworn statements, timber or stone final proofs, and yearly proof in desert land cases, have been adopted, and on and after March 1st, 1908, no entries will be allowed in the foregoing class of cases except upon the new forms.

Three thousand millions of dollars represents the shrinkage in values in stock in Wall Street. If that was real money it would be pretty bad, but it isn't. You haven't noticed any fruitgrowers, farmers, or miners, that have mines producing real ore instead of watered stocks, experiencing shrinkage have you?

Frightened at the money situation, C. J. Atchinson, a laboring man of Tacoma, converted his savings, \$100, into gold, and hid it in his house, which burned down. Next day he was washing the ashes of his house to recover the gold. He found two \$5 gold pieces unburned and one \$20 gold piece melted into a lump.

Have you noticed that the firm that does the advertising is the one always ready to "boost" Josephine county best interest? And what is much more important, they are the people who usually have more than their share of the trade. An advertisement is nothing more nor less than an invitation to come and trade and the people appreciate attention of this kind.

How happy these copious showers are making the mining men look! And the rest of us ought to feel good, too, for the rains mean much for the development of the great mining industry of our county. There can be no question but what, in many respects the recent financial stringency was a "blessing in disguise," and one of these ways was in its causing the mining men to operate on a much more extensive scale.

Bryan professes to be highly pleased over the fact that President Roosevelt has declared that he will not accede to the demands of the masses and allow them to elect him again. Now it will be in order for Mr. Bryan to square himself with Messrs. Watterson, Sullivan and the Tammany Tiger, ere he can feel any too sure of having the solid backing of his own party. Getting Roosevelt out of the way does not of itself necessarily mean that he has been eliminated from the contest, either.

The Oregonian has certainly hit the popular idea this time, in taking the "Independent" issue in political matters. Every day it becomes more apparent that the people of Oregon are going to vote for "the man rather than for the party." The day is past when the party lash can be wielded with such telling effect as was once the case. And it augurs well for the future political conditions of this great and growing commonwealth.

The advertising committee of the Erie, Pa. Business Men's Exchange has prepared a list of advertising mediums in the county divided into three classes—approved, disapproved and doubtful. The exchange intends taking measures to guard against misrepresentation of circulating, discrimination in rates and also against the various propositions that are practiced on advertisers in the name of charity.

Ament the political discussion, we are reminded that already the old parties in this state are hoping to in some way again get hold of the political machinery. But, to the observing individual, the time when the "boss" could sway the masses is a thing of the past. Certain it is that the new primary election law has sounded the death knell of all such manipulators.

Don't ask the editor to write up every evil in the town or community, but when convinced that such duties

need attending to write an article for the paper yourself and sign your name to it for publication," pertinently remarks an exchange, which concludes: "The man who is too big a coward to thus express his opinion is the very one who stands on the corner and talks loudly about the editor. The world is full of moral cowards—men who see evil and are afraid to grapple with it."

At least one Southern Oregon editor has discovered that it doesn't pay to lambast grand juries and the district attorney. This person is Geo. Putnam, the "bombastic pencil pusher" of the Medford Tribune, who spent one night in jail and whose troubles are probably not yet over, for having severely criticized and impugning the motives of the said public officials. Putnam is finding that experience is indeed a dear teacher, and he will doubtless profit by his encounter with the wheels of justice.

Every citizen of this city and county is vitally interested in having the newly discovered "Oregon Caves," located near Grants Pass, exploited to the fullest extent. We realize that when the tourist travel is turned to that great natural attraction, the pleasure seekers who have money to spend lavishly will outfit here and will make this a stopping place, while en route thither. It will mean the bringing of much ready cash into this part of the country and there will be many people here who will be looking out for property investments of various kinds.

The year, 1907 rings down the curtain during a rapidly disappearing uneasiness, with the people in a hesitating mood regarding immediate investments, but at the same time it has been the most wonderful year the Pacific Northwest ever enjoyed. In no other 12 months was there so much money brought into the country from the wheat crop; fruit scored its biggest success; lumber added many more millions of dollars than ever before; the same is true of the products of the dairy, while the grower of poultry has nothing to complain of. We are rich and prosperous, in spite of the fact that there appears to be a stringency, more a matter of mind than reality. Let us quit bemoaning imaginary troubles, inspire confidence and get ready to eclipse in 1908 our past year's record, wonderful as it has been.

DEERING

Guess Deering is having its share of sunshine although the nights are somewhat frosty.

Tommie Gilligan, Chas. Mock and C. T. Webb were business callers at Waldo this week.

Dan Damon and A. I. Reynolds are tearing Mother Earth to pieces with dynamite over in the Oregon Mountains in an endeavor to locate a copper vein that exists here. Let the thunder roar, we wish them success.

Low Graham is about to dispose of his copper claims on Shelly creek it is reported.

Jas. Britton has let a contract for a 50 foot drift on his Monkey Creek Hard Luck mine and is to follow the ore. He has also let a contract for a 300 foot tunnel that will tap his new copper mine on Shelly creek at a greater depth. Let the good work go on.

Otto Anderson is doing assessment work on the Baker property near the Monumental mine.

Cougars have gobbled up six shoats and the old hog for D. L. Webb in the last fortnight.

One of our butchers here has found a prospect and is doing assessment work to beat the band.

Reports are that she has red hair. Mrs. D. L. Webb and daughter May and Miss Edna Distrow were visitors with Mrs. L. R. Webb Sunday.

"Red Cloud" is still making hot air demonstrations. He can throw the breezy stuff farther than anyone we know outside of the legislature. In fact he can sling it clear around Josephine county and tie it in double cow knots all corners. Sick 'em "Shorty." EBEN

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.
Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Grants Pass Banking and Trust Company is called to meet at the parlors of said bank on Tuesday the 1st day of January, 1908 at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors to serve one year, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
L. L. JEWELL, Cashier.
Dated at Grants Pass, Oregon, December 20, 1907. 12-20-21

Quartz blanks at the Courier office.
No sensational or questionable matter allowed in the Courier.

Fruitgrowers of Rogue River Valley and the Courier of special interest.

It's Time to Think

ABOUT HEAVIER CLOTHES and WE HAVE PREPARED FOR YOUR WANTS BY LAYING IN A BIG FALL and WINTER STOCK of UNDERWEAR, MEN'S and BOY'S CLOTHING, MEN'S SUITS, something new, from \$5 to \$25, and a COMPLETE LINE of SHOES

WE ARE THE PEOPLE

WHO HAVE SUCH GOOD THINGS FOR THE TABLE, WE CARRY ONLY FRESH GROCERIES, FRUITS and VEGETABLES and MAKE A SPECIALTY OF FLOUR, FEED and HAY. COME and SEE US BEFORE MAKING YOUR PURCHASES and WE WILL RISK OUR CHANCES.

If it's bargains you are after, then come to our big establishment—you'll find everything just as advertised

Grants Pass Big Bargain Center... SOUTHERN OREGON SUPPLY CO.

Safe and Secure

Is the Man with a good Bank Account. By systematically depositing his earnings each week, he has

Something for a rainy day

and is prepared for any emergency that may arise. Are you one of the fortunates? We invite you to open an account with us. Be it small or great, you will always receive courteous treatment.

Interest on time deposits

If you have some surplus cash why not have it earning you some interest? We pay interest on time deposits.

Safety Deposit Boxes for Rent

in which you can store your valuables, papers and treasures. You may have need for just such accommodation. Let us serve you.

C. P. Banking & Trust Co.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

NEW TODAY.

LOST—Friday afternoon, December 20, Conklin fountain pen. Please return to Vera Storey, Riverside School. 12-27 2t

First-class meals and good beds, 25 cents at B. F. Banks' Grants Pass Restaurant. 12-20 4t

FOR SALE.

WOOD sawing machine complete for sale—circular saw, 2-H. P. gasoline engine, suitable for pumping, spraying, etc., good as new. Will be sold at a bargain. Write or inquire of Geo. W. Harriott, Provolet, Ore. 12-20 3t

FOR SALE—Six head full blood Hereford Bulls—R. P. George, Kerty, Ore. 11-1 1f

FOR SALE CHEAP—Three heifers, one, two and three years old in the spring, fine dairy stock. Inquire of Geo. Parker. 12-20 4t

FOR SALE or will exchange for town or country property in Southern Oregon, merchandise business and buildings, valued at \$3500, paying well, in good coast town. Address Box 187, Yaquina, Ore., Lincoln County. 12-20 4t

A. F. PIERCE—Registered Angoras, Flock headed by one of the famous bucks of the "King Arthur" also other bucks of different strains of breeding. Does of the noted strains; bucks for sale, Merlin, Ore. 7-5 1f

FARM for Sale—160 acres, 50 in cultivation, good house and barn, etc., family orchard and berries, 30 acres more easy to clear, all ideal fruit and farm land, 40 subirrigated bottom. Oak, pine and fir timber to make 2000 cords of wood three miles all down haul to railroad and town; miles outrage fine for hogs, cattle and poultry; three horses and harness, buggy, spring wagon and lumber wagon, \$100 Jersey cow and heifer, 20 hogs, full blood poultry, farm implements, household and kitchen furniture complete, all goes; splendid water at door, no malaria in miles, daily mail, in Rogue River valley, Jackson County, Oregon, finest climate on earth finest fruit land in state. All goes for \$3500, address Box 17, Woodville, Ore. 9-6 1f

TIMBER RANCH—160 Acres small house, six acres under fence and alfalfa 2,000,000 feet good pine saw timber and wood timber for 2000 cords wood; large creek through place fine dam and perpetual water a shingle mill and planing mill in full operation driven by a turbine wheel; an ideal place for saw mill

fine water power 10,000,000 feet of pine saw timber adjoining this place three miles down haul to railroad and town, Jackson county, Oregon. All goes for \$6500. It's a snap; the water right is worth it, don't miss this. I. H. B. Taylor, & Co. Woodville, Ore. 9-6 1f

WHITE Leghorn fowls for sale, many full bloods. Inquire of A. E. Voorhies.

WANTED.

WANTED—To exchange 118 incubator for a 50 egg incubator. Call at Courier office.

WANTED—To Exchange Penn. Post Card Views for Pacific Coast Views. Ben Flinger, Avondale, Pa. 12-13 3t

WANTED—Salesmen. Many Make \$100 to \$150 per month; some even more. Stock clean; grown on Reservation, far from old orchards. Cash advanced weekly. Choice of territory. Address Washington Nursery Company, Toppenish, Washington.

TEAM WANTED—Anyone having workable team, who wants it kept through winter months for light work, apply to Chas. Meserve for particulars. 12-20 1f

MISCELLANEOUS.

FRANK BURNETT—Upholstering, mission furniture made to order.

SHOES polished, oiled and dyed by W. M. Klopper at the Bates barber shop. Only the best work. Our work guaranteed. 12-20 2t

BARGAIN in wood. Will give half for cutting 100 cords or more, oak principally. One mile from Woodville, down hill haul. Could furnish board. Rev. J. E. Day, Woodville.

Next Tuesday evening the Band will give a popular home concert, consisting of vocal and instrumental music and readings, by our own favorite entertainers, besides selections by Rowell's orchestra and the Boys band, who have been studying the past two and one half months. These boys were entirely unacquainted with their instruments and knew nothing whatever of music, when they began. Be sure and hear them. The price of admission is 25c to all parts of the house and the proceeds will be used to uniform the bands. Seats on sale Saturday morning at Harmon's.

J. C. Taylor, who is far advanced in years is another citizen of this city who is reported to be quite ill.