

THE MYSTERY IS SOLVED

Those that have watched our ads for the past three issues of this paper are now aware that we will hold

A Great Bargain Festival

FALL WAISTS at just one-half regular price.
LADIES' SUITS at 33 1-3 per cent off.
LADIES' SWEATERS at just one-half regular price.
MEN'S HATS, nothing reserved, at one-half regular price.
MEN'S SUITS, nothing reserved, at one-half price.

from **FEBRUARY 6 TO FEBRUARY 15**, at which will be placed on sale a line of goods for quality at the price will cause you to say: "HOW CAN THEY DO IT?" For instance, we will offer:

MEN'S SHIRTS, \$1.00 and \$1.50 values, for 75c and \$1.00.
DRESS GINGHAMS, 15c values, for 12 1-2c.
APRON GINGHAMS, 10c values, for 8 1-3c.
C.B. CORSETS at squeezing prices.
BARGAINS UNEXCELLED IN ALL COTTON GOODS.

SATISFACTION OR MONEY REFUNDED. DON'T FORGET TO BRING THE MYSTERY AD AND GET YOUR PRESENT.

And just now bargain prices on stylish, dependable merchandise is our leading trade feature. But—we never sacrifice either style or quality for the sake of quoting a low price. We never buy any junk for the sake of publishing a lower price than our competitor. We aim first to give our customers complete satisfaction in every particular. This can't be done with goods of shady quality or merchandise of doubtful style—where style is a feature. Therefore, when you read a price in our advertisements, whether that price be large or small you can always feel assured that the goods are well worth the money. In fact, our perpetual guaranty makes this absolutely so.

W. H. MEEKER & COMPANY

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

See the Merrivold Shop for books, magazines and fine engraving.

C-B corsets. Meeker & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Roberts have left for a visit in California.

John and William Wertz, accompanied by their wives, of Chappell, Neb., are in Medford looking for a new location. They are friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Westerlund.

Miss Margaret Herron of Corvallis is spending a few days in this city as the guest of Miss Lulu Porter.

Fred N. Cummings left Thursday evening for a short business trip to Chicago.

William Stacey, the Aladdin lamp man, desires to announce that a new shipment of Aladdin lamps has arrived and those who have ordered will receive their lamps immediately.

Edgar Hafer, W. E. Biddle and Mr. Van Order were at Central Point Friday on a business deal.

A. B. Bronson, the well-known carpenter and dealer in lumber, is in Medford for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hale and Mr. and Mrs. Herman King left Thursday for Stockton, Cal., where they will make their future home.

G. F. Billings and E. T. Staples, prominent Ashland citizens, were in Medford on business Friday.

Valentines, valentines, valentines, at The Merrivold Shop. 274

F. E. Grieve and S. S. McKeeher of Ashland were in Medford Friday.

M. S. Longley of Glendale spent Thursday night in Medford.

E. W. Anderson, the well-known miner, was in town from the Blue Ledge Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Taylor will leave shortly for California for the benefit of Mrs. Taylor's health. Mr. Taylor's resignation as county entomologist having taken effect February 1, one of the matters to be considered at the horticultural meeting tomorrow will be the selection of his successor.

C. F. Saylor of Eugene was a Medford business visitor Thursday.

W. A. Schwarz of Eagle Point spent Thursday in this city.

C. F. Switzer of Gold Hill was in Medford Thursday looking after some business matters.

F. W. Faurot of the bureau of entomology, is in Medford today looking over the country. Mr. Faurot has been connected with entomological work in California and is now on his way to his home station in the middle west, where he has been conducting the work of fighting the apple scab and the codling moth.

The Merrivold Shop has favors, place cards, tally cards, paper doilies and napkins and other choice novelties for the February holidays. 274

A. J. Olsen of Gold Hill was in Medford Friday to greet the great chiefs of the Red Men.

A. Jennings of Gold Hill is in Medford today to attend the Red Men's meeting.

S. C. McClendon of Gold Hill, one of the staid, conservative citizens of that burg, spent Friday in this city.

F. Pelouze of Eagle Point, one of the prominent fruitgrowers of that section, was in Medford Friday on business.

N. L. Anderson of Grants Pass was in Medford Friday on a business trip.

Thomas Jackson, who has been under the care of Drs. Seeley and Shearer, following an operation for hernia, is convalescent.

J. B. Hunt of Eagle Point celebrated Friday in Medford.

A. A. Hubbard is in Medford from his Big Butte ranch. "The farm is covered with snow now," says Otis, but it won't be long until the birds and flowers will make life beautiful in the Big Butte country."

Popular dance at Angle Opera house Saturday, February 5. Music by the Hazelrigg orchestra.

H. C. Maury was in this city from his farm west of Medford Friday. Mr. Maury, like the majority of the neighboring farmers, is simply waiting now until the opening of spring to commence active work. Meanwhile he is making preparations to start the work with a rush when the proper time comes.

E. B. Hanley of Jacksonville precinct was in this city on business Friday.

A. C. Howlett of Eagle Point, the dean of the newspaper correspondents in Southern Oregon, was in Medford Friday on a business visit.

Henry R. Williams of Grants Pass spent Friday in Medford.

W. J. Weeks of Talent was in Medford Thursday on business.

C. W. Taylor of Central Point passed through Medford Friday on his way to Jacksonville on business.

J. H. Harrington, who has been ill for several weeks, is now convalescent and able to attend to business.

Stationery, office and school supplies at the Merrivold Shop.

J. C. Pendleton of Table Rock was in Medford Friday.

BILL PROVIDES FOR BIG COAL RESERVE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The coal fields of Alaska, just now so much under discussion in Washington and throughout the country, are the subject of a lengthy bill introduced in the house by Delegate Wickersham of Alaska, providing that 15,000 acres of the best lands in the territory be set aside by the United States in perpetuity as the national coal reserve.

Provision is made for the withdrawal of 5000 acres each from the Katalla and Matanuska districts and 5000 more from the Kenai and Alaska peninsular areas.

A board of national coal reserve is to be established, consisting of one naval officer, one member of the geological survey and one other member having practical knowledge of coal mining and transportation. This board is to survey and select the best coal lands.

It is also provided that all claims concerning which there is any irregularity shall become a part of the national reserve.

COMET COMING BACK IN A THOUSAND YEARS

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 4.—Comet A 1910 has a tail 43 degrees in length, and is rushing away from the earth, according to Father C. H. Charroppin, astronomer at St. Louis university.

The nucleus is diminishing in brilliancy, he says, and the nebulous matter about the nucleus has contracted, but the tail has grown to an enormous length.

Father Charroppin believes the comet is paying its first and last visit to the earth. He is now figuring out whether its path is an ellipse or parabola. If it is found to be elliptical he believes the comet will visit the earth again in a few thousand years; otherwise it will travel to some other star. He believes its path is a parabola.

GOOD ADVICE BY AN EASTERN OREGON PAPER

(Lak view Examiner.)

The Examiner has always advised people here to take land and is pleased to note its neighbors who heretofore have ridiculed our efforts, are giving similar advice.

The Surprise Valley Record, last week gave some good advice to the young men of Modoc county—advice they should heed. The Record calls attention to the vast amount of vacant land in Modoc county and advises young men to secure locations before it is too late.

Two waves of immigration are coming this way—one from the north and another from the south. When these waves meet all the land upon which a man can live will be taken up. Land that is now regarded as worthless will be located and good homes built upon the same. Anywhere within the great Lake basin, comprising the counties of Modoc, Lake, Klamath and Grant, can such opportunities be found. Here the land is free, and the young man that overlooks this opportunity will live to see his error, and regret it. The time is past when young men can "go west." The great west, as the older generation knew it, is a thing of the past. Then, young man, get you a piece of land before it is too late. You will be independent of the world; otherwise you will become "hewers of wood and drawers of water" for those who are more enterprising than yourself.

Hotel Arrivals.

The Nash—E. G. Ford, Seattle; C. J. Wenner, W. C. Winter, F. C. McDonald, Portland; C. F. Switzer, Grants Pass; R. W. Whitman, city; W. A. Schwarz, Eagle Point; W. J. Clattery, G. Schenk, Jr., L. Camp, San Francisco; G. Lillard, Denver; N. L. Anderson, Grants Pass; V. P. Saylor, Eugene; E. L. Miller, city; J. Farrar and wife, Philadelphia; W. S. Little, Oregon City; J. H. Fitzgerald, Portland.

The Moore—Aug. Lippil, Portland; L. R. Krum, San Francisco; S. S. McKeeher, L. E. Grieve, Ashland; E. W. Anderson, Blue Ledge; M. S. Langley, Glendale; A. H. Weber, Portland; H. B. Severnes, New York; A. G. Thorpe and wife, B. J. Gordon, L. T. Morgan, Portland; L. Camp, San Francisco; F. W. Faurot, Mountain Grove, Neb.; D. Bussey, Talent.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the matter of Walter L. Lowe, individually and as a member of the firm of Johnson & Lowe, formerly doing business as partners, composed of W. A. Johnson and W. L. Lowe, Bankrupt.

To the creditors of Walter L. Lowe of Ashland, Oregon, both as an individual and as a member of the partnership of Johnson & Lowe, in the district aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 31st day of January, 1910, the said Walter L. Lowe was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the undersigned, in Medford, Oregon, on the 14th day of February, 1910, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. February 3, 1910.

HOLBROOK WITHINGTON,

Referee in Bankruptcy.

C. C. PAGE,

Attorney for W. L. Lowe.

AT THE CHURCHES.

Talent M. E. Church.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Dr. Forbes, superintendent. Classes to suit all kinds of people and people of all ages. Church service at 11 a. m.; subject, "The Little Things of Life." You are invited to these services.

Lecture in Talent.

Attorney B. F. Mulkey will deliver his noted lecture, entitled "The Wisdom of the Ancients," in Conway hall Saturday, February 5 at 7:30 p. m. Proceeds to be used to purchase lots on which to erect an M. E. church. Admission, adults 25 cents, children 15 cents.

Presbyterian Church.

Preaching at 11 a. m. The subject of the sermon is "The Heroism of the Prophets." Preaching at 7:30 p. m. The subject of the sermon is "The Saving Few." Sunday school at 10 a. m. C. E. society at 6:30 p. m. J. C. E. society at 4 p. m. Ladies' Aid meets Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. at Mrs. G. William Giboney's home, corner Oakdale and Hamilton.

Free Methodist Church.

There will be no services at the Free Methodist church Sunday, as the pastor is attending district quarterly conference at Grants Pass. Rev. B. Winget, the missionary secretary, has also withdrawn his appointment for Monday night.

Christian Church.

At the Christian church, corner Sixth and Ivy streets, revival meetings will begin on Sunday. Bible school at 10 a. m.; preaching service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. C. E. at 6:30. At the morning service the pastor will preach on "How to Have a Great Revival." In the evening the subject will be "The Biggest Fool in Medford." Subjects of the week: Monday eve, "The Meanest Man in Medford"; Tuesday eve, "The Best Man in Medford"; Wednesday eve, "What About Jonah?"; Thursday eve, "What Would Happen if Medford Should Come to Christ?"; Friday eve, "What Would Happen if Christ Should Come to Medford?" Everybody invited to these services. Good music and short, energetic sermons. W. Theo. Matlock, pastor.

Baptist Church.

Rev. A. A. Holmes has arrived in Medford and will begin his work as pastor of the Baptist church Sunday morning. A cordial invitation is extended to the people of the city to worship with us. Especially is it requested that every member of the church and Sunday school be present.

On Thursday evening, February 10, the annual rollcall meeting will be held. It is hoped that every member of the church and their families will be present; also all Baptist people in the city, whether members of the local church or not, are cordially invited. After the rollcall the congregation will repair to Smith's hall, on North Grape street, where a reception to Mr. and Mrs. Holmes will be held.

Christian Science.

Services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Subject of lesson-sermon, "Spirit"; Sunday school at 10 o'clock; testimonial meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. All are welcome, 128 North Grape street, north Sherman-Clay music house.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Wear Kidd's Shoes.

Full assortment of Whitman's candies at The Merrivold Shop.

Liquors on call at Meeker & Co.'s. For wood of all kinds, see the Square Deal Woodyard. Phone 2601. Fir street, between Second and Third streets. Gould & Lindley, proprietors. 261*

Steinhardt, the artistic tailor, 6 South Fir street. Reasonable prices, easy terms to responsible parties. 276*

1910, the banner year. Watch Medford's population double and lots in the Queen Anne addition triple in value. Present price \$500 and upward. Cash or terms.

People that want figuring on planting shade trees and have not got their orders booked better consult H. B. Patterson, the Quaker Nurseryman and get low prices. Office in Hotel Nash Office.

A \$100 cash prize given on Singer or Wheeler & Wilson sewing machines to the one having the lucky number on the first twenty cash sales after February 1, 1910. Machines sold by easy payments, rented and repaired. Needles and oil for all makes. Good single driving horse and harness wanted at once. Cave Duncan, 125 S. Oakdale, Medford. Or. Phone 1342. 279

REFUSES TO BUY A DRINK AND IS SLUGGED

Walter Tinker, a laborer, was slugged in a saloon on Front street yesterday evening because he refused to buy a drink.

Tinker, who had a little money and considerable of a jag, was approached by one of several strangers and asked for money to buy a drink. He refused to come through and the stranger landed on Tinker's proposals. The scrap continued on to the sidewalk, when, at the approach of Chief Shearer, Tinker's assailant made his getaway. Tinker could not find the man who had hit him, and it is supposed he had left town.

Tinker was robbed some months ago of several dollars in much the same manner as this attempt was made.

HAZELRIGG TO GIVE SATURDAY DANCES

The Hazelrigg orchestra has arranged to give a series of popular dances every Saturday night at the Angle Opera house, beginning tomorrow night, February 5.

There will be five pieces in the orchestra, insuring splendid music, and admission will be free, with a charge of 10 cents a dance.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

FOR RENT—Two housekeeping rooms for rent, 216 North A st. 275
 LOST—Gold watch, open face, with fob, between Anderson and the B. & C. Cash Store. Finder please leave at Haskins' drug store. Reward. *



Keeping to the straight and narrow path of the truth pays—take, for example, the father of our country. We're sticking to the path in the advertising of the many splendid values we have in men's furnishings, in hats, shirts, underwear, hosiery, neckwear, etc.

A few of our specialties in low prices and good values is Men's Pants, Hosiery and Shoes, which we buy direct from the factories. You can economize and get quality at

"THE WARDROBE"

210 WEST MAIN.

Something for Nothing

Only one thing in the world can be had for nothing—trouble. Plenty of that for the asking.

A NEW PAIR OF SHOES has terrors for some people; that's because they are trying to get the quality and perfect fitting lasts which go with such shoes as Ultra, Dorothy Dodd and Walk-Overs, and not pay the price—trying to get something cheap, they get something that soon lose their shape and then another pair has to be purchased. That's economy that is closely allied with poor judgment. Make up your mind to buy a shoe with a reputation next time—or you'll regret it.

Edmeades Bros

THE MEDFORD BUILDING