

ASHLAND MAKES GOOD GROWTH

Many New Business Blocks Are Erected—New Homes to an Extent of \$100,000 Were Erected During Last Year.

ASHLAND, Jan. 6.—Without going into details as to the exact amount of building completed all over town the past year, it is in order to give a few of the notable examples in the way of business blocks which have been completed and occupied since January 1, 1910, among the number being the following, the cost being approximately in round figures:

First National bank	\$25,000
Allen-McNairy block	16,000
Payne block	10,000
Citizens' Banking & Trust Co.	25,000
Allen-Cunningham block	16,000
Enders block	35,000
Shook block	12,000

In some of these instances the cost quoted includes equipment, either wholly or partially. In the residence line, \$100,000 would be a modest estimate for new work alone, without alterations, additions and other improvements, and without including the substantial and elaborate furnishings which have been placed in many

of the business houses, notably the Rhodes-Farrow and Van Sant blocks, the latter of which has been practically rebuilt.

In addition to the foregoing, there is the municipal work which has been under way in the line of sewers, walks and paving, water extension, etc., which will amount to \$200,000 or more, and this phase of city work is still going right ahead.

Residence construction is also keeping abreast of the times, Architect Bowen alone reporting having planned over 25 homes in Ashland and vicinity during his residence here. Of the business blocks enumerated above, H. T. Wentworth contracted five of them, and is putting the finishing touches upon the fine new \$20,000 school building at Gold Hill.

SCHOOL BOARD BUYS NEW SITE

For a consideration of \$4500 the Medford school board purchased 10 lots located at Twelfth and Orange streets Thursday.

While the location will not be used right away for school purposes, the purchase is part of the economic program now being carried out by the city government in that, were the board to wait until the population of the city required another school, property values will have increased to an extent considerably greater than they now are.

CONTRACT LET FOR NEW HOTEL

Structure Will Cost \$120,000 and Will Be Ready by July 1—The Thompson-Tterrett Construction Company Chosen for the Work.

To the Thompson-Tterrett Construction company the contract for building the new \$120,000 Medford hotel has been awarded.

As published in the New Year's addition of the Mail Tribune, all the plans and specifications for the new hotel have been drawn up for some time, but the company at the head of the new enterprise decided some time ago not to award the contract until after the beginning of the new year.

The hotel will be ready to open by July 1.

PIONEER DIES OF PARALYTIC STROKE

Fred Downing, formerly the owner of the West Side livery stable here, died at his home at 515 South Cen-

tral avenue Thursday morning as the result of a paralytic stroke.

Downing, who was 36 years old, was born at Butte creek; made his home in this vicinity during almost his entire life and is survived besides his widow, by his father and two sisters who also live here.

The funeral will take place at 2 p. m. Saturday in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. John A. Perl will be the undertaker in charge.

ARRIVED FRIDAY: MARRIED NEXT DAY

William O'Hara, who recently acquired the Loomis orchards near Medford, and Miss Julia Kinkle, formerly of Lima, Ohio, were married at the county court house in Jacksonville last Saturday.

Mr. O'Hara came here from Lima last November and immediately established himself as a resident in the valley by purchasing the Loomis property. Mrs. O'Hara only came west recently, arriving in Medford on the day before her wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Neff accompanied the couple to the court house, the journey there being made in Mr. Neff's car.

Perhaps most of your "bad luck" consists in failing to answer the want ads that contain opportunities for you.

WITH DAD DEAD KATE MAY MARRY

Reported That Passing of Senator Elkins Will Result in Early Marriage of Daughter to Italian Nobleman.

ROME, Jan. 6.—That the death of United States Senator Elkins will result in a speedy marriage between Miss Katherine Elkins, his daughter, and the Duke of the Abruzzi, is an opinion expressed in Italian newspapers today. The papers assert that the real opposition to the marriage came from Senator Elkins.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—patches from Rome, reviving the prediction of a marriage between the Duke D'Abuzzi and Katherine Elkins, are generally credited here. It is believed that the senator's objection to a morganatic marriage was the real barrier to the consummation of the romance. As the duke was remotely an heir to the throne, it is reported the king of Italy informed Senator Elkins that only a morganatic marriage with the American heiress was possible. The duke himself, it is generally believed, argued with Elkins, pointing out that the

possibility of his elevation to the throne was extremely remote.

"Never," the senator replied, according to a story told by one of his intimates today. "The man marrying my daughter must marry her without any reservation. I will not listen to such a proposition."

Mrs. Elkins, it is believed, favors the match.

The senator's friends today deny the story which was circulated in Rome, that he demanded the elevation of his daughter to royal rank.

STRICKEN DUMB AS HE WOULD ORDER MEAL

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 6.—Stricken suddenly dumb while endeavoring to order breakfast, Frank E. Smith, 19, is under the care of physicians at the receiving hospital today. Smith went into a restaurant to get breakfast and when the waiter asked for his order he found he could not speak.

He cleared his throat and worked his jaws, but no sound resulted. Thinking he had become deaf, he frantically repeated the operation. Assured that he had lost the power of speech, he hurried to the hospital. Smith explained in writing to Police Surgeon that several days ago while engaged in a friendly scuffle with a companion he fell against a door, incurring a contusion of his left temple. As the nerves governing the organs of

EXCURSION TO LOS ANGELES

Don't overlook that Los Angeles excursion leaving Medford January 19, the round trip \$31.55, thirty day limit stop off where and when you please, go and return via either route. See San Francisco, the Golden Gate, Mt. Tamalpais, Alcatraz, the beautiful bay, the wonderful city rising from the ruins of the fire and quake, then travel south and see Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Cruz, Monterey, Del Monte; take the Coast line, the daylight trip along the ocean and see the immense oil wells in the ocean; see Santa Barbara, Paso Robles, then Los Angeles, Pasadena, Redlands and Riverside, the home of the multi-millionaires; go to Venice, the city built out in the ocean, see the ostrich farms; then go to Catalina island, see the submarine gardens from the glass bottom boats, the flying fish and many other wonders of the ocean; take advantage of this excursion, the low rate, the summer weather now to be enjoyed in the south. For particulars call at the passenger office if not convenient to call. Phone for further particulars.

speech center in the temple, Dr. Temple believes this injury explains the youth's predicament.

PRICES GREATLY REDUCED --AT THE-- GOLDEN RULE

To affect a rapid clearance of our Winter Stock and make room for our new Spring Goods we will begin on Saturday, January 7th, our **FIRST JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE**. This will certainly be a golden opportunity to secure clean, new merchandise at a great saving. Our prices **ALREADY LOW** have been made still lower. You will instantly recognize the unusual values the minute you see these advertised specials.

All Our Men's Overcoats and Cravenette's at Clearance Prices

\$12.00 Overcoats and Cravenettes now	\$9.00
\$12.50 Overcoats and Cravenettes now	\$9.35
\$15.00 Overcoats and Cravenettes now	\$11.25
\$16.50 Overcoats and Cravenettes now	\$12.35
\$18.00 Overcoats and Cravenettes now	\$13.50
\$22.50 Overcoats and Cravenettes now	\$16.85

These are all the newest styles and patterns.

Clearance of Men's Suits

One small lot gray Suits specially priced at	\$6.75
One lot plain gray diagonal; regular price \$15.00; clearance	\$11.95
One lot browns and grays; fine patterns; sp'l price	\$10.00
Fancy dark worsteds; reg. price \$16.50; clearance	\$11.95
Fancy brown worsteds; reg. price \$18.00; clearance	\$12.75
Good staple gray worsteds; regular price \$18.00; clearance	\$13.50

Other suits at very low prices. These are all the famous "Fitz-u" garments, fit fine and are splendidly tailored.

All Boys Short Pant Suits and Overcoats AT 25 PER CENT REDUCTION

\$5.00 Suits or Overcoats; clearance price	\$3.75
\$4.75 Suits or Overcoats; clearance price	\$3.55
\$4.00 Suits or Overcoats; clearance price	\$3.00
\$3.00 Suits or Overcoats; clearance price	\$2.25

Splendid values.

ONE LOT OF MEN'S SAMPLE HATS; sizes 7 and 7 1/8; worth from \$3.00 to \$4.00 each; clearance price \$1.95

Good Quality 11-4 Cotton Blankets

Priced for clearance at	89c
Menmen's Talcum Powder	18c
Safety Pins, per card	4c
Brass Pins, per paper	4c
Pear's Soap, unscented, 15c, two for	25c
Wire Hair Pins, per bunch	1c
Sanitol Face Powder; regular price 25c; at	19c
Sanitol Cold Cream; regular 25c; at	19c
Sanitol Tooth Paste; regular price 25c; at	19c
All Table Oil Cloth, per yard	20c

Best Calico, always, yard	5c
Best Apron Check Gingham, yard	7 1/2c
Good dark Outing Flannels, yard	6 1/4c
25c Hair Barrettes at	19c
35c Hair Barrettes at	23c

All Holiday Goods at **33-1-3 per cent off.**

Lace Curtains at Clearance Prices

98c a pair for \$1.25 Lace Curtains.	
\$1.29 a pair for \$1.65 Lace Curtains.	
\$1.75 a pair for \$2.25 Lace Curtains.	
\$1.95 a pair for \$2.75 Lace Curtains.	
\$2.75 a pair for \$3.65 Lace Curtains.	
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All are 3 1/2 yards long by 48 to 52 inches wide.

Men's Outing Flannel Night Shirts; splendid bargains at \$1.25; now	98c
Men's Outing Flannel Pajamas; regular \$1.65; at	\$1.25
Men's Outing Flannel Pajamas; regular \$2.50; at	\$1.95
Men's heavy Wool Underwear; regular price \$2.00 per garment; clearance price	\$1.35
Men's heavy Flannel Shirts; special price	\$1.25
Men's \$3.00 All Wool Sweaters at	\$2.00
Men's \$2.50 All Wool Sweaters at	\$1.65
Men's \$1.50 Sweaters, now	\$1.00
Boys' \$1.25 Sweaters now	85c
Men's good black Cotton Hose; regular 15c; now	10c
three for	25c
Men's Cotton Hose; gray or brown; regular 15c; now	7c
One lot men's 50c Suspenders; clearance price	29c

Evening Dresses at Clearance Prices

\$20.00 messaline Dresses in pink, light blue, cream and Alice blue; now	\$16.75
\$35.00 black silk crepe de chine; Persian trimmed; now	\$27.50
\$35.00 white chiffon, with pink roses and bead trimming; now	\$27.50
\$35.00 light blue chiffon over silk, medallion trimmed; now	\$27.50
\$42.50 rose chiffon and messaline	\$32.50

Silk Petticoats, specially priced for clearance \$2.45 & \$3.45

\$5.50 Silk Petticoats at	\$4.45
\$5.00 Silk Petticoats at	\$3.98

Clearance of Women's and Misses Coats and Suits

\$17.50 blue striped serge Suit; clearance price	\$11.65
\$18.00 blue diagonal serge, satin lined; clearance price	\$12.00
\$23.50 black broadcloth Suit; clearance price	\$15.65
\$22.50 black serge Suit; beautifully lined; clearance price	\$15.25
\$23.75 brown mixed worsted Suits; clearance price	\$15.85
\$25.00 gray ladies' cloth, Skimmer satin lined; clearance price	\$16.75
\$30.00 black diagonal serge, Skimmer satin lined; clearance price	\$20.00
7.50 Coats now	\$ 5.00
8.50 Coats now	\$ 5.65
9.50 Coats now	\$ 6.15
\$13.50 Coats now	\$ 9.00
\$15.00 Coats now	\$10.00
\$16.00 Coats now	\$10.65
\$18.00 Coats now	\$12.00
\$20.00 Coats now	\$13.35

All these garments are new styles, beautifully made.

Clearance Sale of Silk Waists

\$5.00 brown plaid and navy blue taffeta Waists now	\$4.15
\$4.50 black taffeta Waists; newest models; now	\$3.75
\$6.50 Persian Waists now	\$4.98
\$7.00 Persian Waists now	\$5.98
Black taffeta tucked Waists; special	\$3.25

Skirts Specially Priced for Clearance

1 lot Skirts in brown, gray and black serges; special	\$5.95
1 lot Skirts in black panama; special	\$4.50
1 lot Skirts in brown, black and blue panama; special	\$3.65
1 lot Skirts in blue and black panama; special	\$5.00
1 lot Skirts of fine panamas; special	\$5.45

Several other lots specially priced.

Women's outing flannel Skirts, specially priced at 98c
 Women's outing flannel Gowns, specially priced at 79c
 Women's outing flannel Gowns, specially priced at \$1.29
 Misses' outing flannel Gowns, sp'lly priced at 63c and 69c
 All ladies' and misses' Sweaters reduced 33-1-3 per cent
 Any ladies Hat in the store at 1/2 price
 27x60 Rugs; special \$1.40
 Floor size Rugs specially priced.
 Boys' Hose; regular price 25c; now 18c
 You will find many more bargains. Come in and look.

You Cannot Afford to Go Elsewhere to Make Your Purchases

AKINS, BENTON & CO.

St. Marks Building

Sale Begins Saturday, January 7th-- Closes Saturday, January 21st