

### FREE DISCUSSION OF NEW CHARTER ASKED OF PUBLIC

The people of Medford have an unusual opportunity in the proposed new charter. Every citizen should consider the matter, as it is important.

A full, free consideration and discussion of the charter should be had. To that end an invitation is extended to any organization in the city, or any group of citizens to arrange a meeting for that purpose and some person thoroughly acquainted with the purpose of the new charter will attend, lead in the discussion and answer questions. Especially are civic clubs, women's study clubs, church organizations and unorganized neighborhoods invited to gather to discuss this matter.

A note addressed to the Secretary of the Charter Commission, Box 274, Medford, will secure the attendance of some one who understands the charter, providing it is sent in early enough to avoid conflict in dates.

Every voter owes it to himself as a good citizen to inform himself regarding the charter for it means much to Medford.

### MEETING TALKS OF NEW CHARTER

A well attended meeting was held at the library yesterday afternoon to discuss the new charter. The meeting brought out many questions and a general discussion.

The directors of the Charter Commission led the discussion and explained how the charter was drafted and the advantages of the salient points. It was pointed out that the charter contained practically nothing that is original with this charter commission, but only those provisions that had been studied out, put into use and found beneficial in many other cities.

Several speakers took part, all urging an active support of the charter as a striking opportunity to benefit the city. A Mr. Tucker, recently from Kansas, spoke of the experience of cities there which had recently adopted similar charters with great improvement and universal satisfaction.

About twenty of those present remained after the close of the meeting and planned an organization to work for the charter, especially in getting voters registered as it is recognized that the only danger is in a light vote.

### CHRISTMAS STORIES TOLD AT LIBRARY

Christmas stories will be told at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the library, and all little people are invited. The stories will be:

- "Story of the Christ Child"—a German legend for Christmas.
- "Christmas in the Barn."
- "Anderson's Fir Trees."
- "Jimmy Scarecrow's Christmas."
- "Cratchit's Christmas Dinner" (Dickens).

A musical program is planned for Sunday afternoon from 5 till 6, to be given at the public library, and free to all who care to come.

### DENTISTS TO SHOW HOW TO CARE FOR TEETH

The semi-annual meeting of the Southern Oregon Dental society was held at the Medford hotel Thursday night, and by unanimous consent the dentists agreed to devote one-half day each month, in each town, to the instruction of children under 12 years of age on the proper care of the teeth, the instruction to be under the supervision of the various teachers. Ashland, Grants Pass, Phoenix, Talent, Central Point and this city were represented. A banquet was served at the Medford hotel.

Officers for the year were elected as follows:

Dr. E. E. Macy, Grants Pass, president; Dr. A. W. Deane, Medford, vice president; Dr. W. W. Walker, Grants Pass, secretary and treasurer.

The next meeting of the society will be held in Grants Pass next May.

### CHAMPION LONG DISTANCE HIKER VISITS MEDFORD

E. N. Clark, on the staff of Pearson's magazine, who might well be called the world's champion pedestrian, spent the morning in Medford on a walking tour of the coast line of North and South America. He began his hike at Ketchikan, Alaska, and is on his way to San Francisco, where he will represent Pearson's until June, thence go down the west coast to Cape Horn, and up the east coast to New York. From Ketchikan to Medford is 3000 miles and Mr. Clark left Ketchikan in the latter part of August and averages thirty-five miles a day.

Among the hikes made by Mr. Clark is one from Quebec to Vancouver, across Canada, 118 1/2 days for the 3351 miles, an average of 28 miles a day.

Last February Mr. Clark walked from Spokane to Prince Rupert, B. C., 1490 miles, thence to Ketchikan. Mr. Clark is an Englishman by birth and has hiked across Australia and South Africa and is familiar with nearly all portions of the Globe. He secures material enough on his hikes to support himself by magazine and newspaper articles. He carries little baggage, but several note books and in every town he stops gets the station agent to imprint his stamp as proof that he did not hit the brake-beams and secures also the signatures of editors and city officials.

### JOHN BUNNY AT STAR THEATRE TONIGHT

The Star Theatre has the first of a series of two-reel feature photographs, with John Bunny and Flora Finch in the leading roles. The name of the play is Hearts and Diamonds, and it is said to be very funny and gives us the people's favorites in a new role.

Miss Helen Holmes, in what is said to be her greatest success, "The Brand," is a two-reel feature that gives Miss Holmes unusual opportunity to show herself in an entirely new role.

The Hearst-Selig News is very interesting and will show a number of interesting scenes from the great wars. There are seven full reels and every one is a winner.

### 184 WEDDED AND BUT THIRTY-FOUR DIVORCES

According to official records at the county seat 184 marriage licenses have been issued in Jackson county so far this year and but 34 divorces granted. The records show that a comparative small number of persons who have been married over five years applied for divorces, by far the majority being granted to couples who had been married but three or four years. The month of June leads the list for marriages, 28 being issued during this month. Young couples contemplating marriage should be encouraged over this report.

### CHRISTMAS CIGARS

Get Governor Johnson and Mt. Pitt cigars in Christmas boxes. Home made and the best.

### Closing Out Our Furs



Some at cost, the balance only slightly more

BARTLETT & NETHERLAND At Ewing's Gun Store

### DRIED POTATOES EXCELLENT FOOD FOR LIVESTOCK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The false and fraudulent labeling of medicines and mineral waters has recently received a great deal of attention from the Bureau of Chemistry. A large number of instances have been found in which impossible claims for the preparations in question have been taken to compel the owners to alter the labels, particularly in the case of (so-called) cures for hog cholera.

In addition to this regulatory work connected with the enforcement of various laws, scientists of the Bureau have been carrying on important investigations. The report makes particular mention of the study of the subject of potato drying. Dried potatoes may be kept indefinitely for stock feed and are of course much less bulky and, therefore, less expensive to transport than ordinary potatoes. This investigation will ultimately be extended to other uses for potato products, such as the manufacture of starch and glucose, in order to encourage the production of potatoes as a regular part in crop rotation in sections where this could be done with benefit.

Two new ways have also been discovered of utilizing surplus and cull apples. One is the manufacture of apple sirup by clarifying and boiling down apple juice. The sirup obtained promises to be a welcome addition to our diet as well as affording a

### TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Elwood, 125 North Central avenue, Thursday night, December 18, 1914, a six pound baby boy.

new market for the apple grower. The other method of disposing of the surplus of apples is the manufacture of concentrated cider. Hitherto the market for cider has been limited, due to the fact that it can only be kept sweet a short time and that its bulk makes its transportation expensive when long distances are to be covered. The concentrated cider ferments very slowly when kept at a low temperature. When diluted with water it has practically the same

flavor as the original apple juice from which it was made, and its condensed form makes it much cheaper to ship.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 18, 2:11 a. m.—The Vossische Zeitung assumes that the reported victory will have important consequences in the west and that far-reaching political effects in the Balkans will follow in those countries, which it says have been influenced by the Russian position.



### PERFECTION OIL HEATER

Comfort for everybody—a gift that is useful from cellar to garret. Be sure and mark down on your Xmas list a

Father uses it to warm the bathroom for shaving. Mother sews beside it. The children dress by it. A practical gift.

Dealers everywhere Write for booklet, "Warmth in Cold Corners."

Standard Oil Company (California) Portland For Best Results Use Pearl Oil

DUDLEY 2 3/4 inches high  
NORMAN 2 1/2 inches high

## ARROW COLLARS

CLOSE fitting, graceful styles with smartly cut curved fronts, that admit of easy cravat tying.

CLURTT, PEABODY & CO., INC. Makers, Troy, N. Y.

REMEMBER, YOUR DOLLARS GO FARTHER IN BUYING YOUR

## Christmas Presents at Diamond's

Than any place in Southern Oregon.

20 TO 33% SAVED

WATCHES AT COST  
DIAMONDS AT COST

600 Rings to Choose From

## J. W. DIAMOND

109 EAST MAIN

## Everybody's going to the Busy Xmas Store

### XMAS WAISTS

Just received, 25 dozen beautiful new Xmas Waists, put up in holly boxes, in corduroy, satin and crepe de chine, on sale Saturday at \$2.98, \$3.48, \$4.48 and \$5.48 each.

New Bungalow Aprons at 48¢, 69¢, 89¢ and 98¢ each.

### Xmas Bargains That Ring With True Economy

### XMAS FURS

Reliable Furs make the most acceptable Christmas Gifts.

Beautiful Coney Sets on sale at, a set..... \$10

New Nippon Mink Sets on sale at, a set..... \$35

Natural Fox Sets on sale at, a set..... \$18

White Fox Sets on sale at, a set..... \$15

# MANN'S

CENTRAL AVE., NEAR POSTOFFICE

### XMAS KIMONAS

In silk, crepe and flannelette, at \$1.39, \$1.48, \$2.48, \$3.98 and \$5.98.

### XMAS HOSIERY

Agents for Kayser's celebrated Silk Hose, every pair guaranteed, comes in black and all colors, at \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 the pair.

SPECIAL—25 dozen fine Silk Hose, in black, tan and white, sale price, pair..... 50c

### XMAS GLOVES

Agents for the celebrated Derby, Dents and Perrins' Kid Gloves, in all colors, pair \$1.75

SPECIAL—50 doz. fine Cape and Kid Gloves, all sizes and colors, up to \$1.75 values, now, pair..... \$1.25

Buy Glove Bonds

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### XMAS CLEARANCE SALE OF ALL WINTER COATS AND SUITS

Winter Coats, up to \$12.50 values going in this sale at, each..... \$5

Winter Coats, up to \$30.00 values, going in this sale at, each..... \$15

All \$20.00 Suits now..... \$10.00

All \$25.00 Suits now..... \$12.50

All \$30.00 Suits now..... \$15.00

All \$35.00 Suits now..... \$17.50

### Greatest Handkerchief Sale Medford Has Ever Known

100 dozen Women's Fine Handkerchiefs, on sale at, each..... 5c	Children's fancy Handkerchiefs, two in a box, special..... 10c	Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, very special, each, at..... 10c
Women's wide hemmed Initial Handkerchiefs, very special, at, each..... 18c	Fancy Handkerchiefs 6 in a box, very special, per box..... 89c	Men's All-Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, special at, each..... 18c

**XMAS SALE OF RIBBONS**

Fancy Ribbon, up to 50c values, this sale, yd..... 25c	Wide Satin and Silk Ribbons, up to 20c val. yd. 10c	5-yd. bolts of Wash Ribbon, all colors, very special, a bolt..... 10c
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