

### CITY SCHOOLS TO OPERATE \$15,000 LESS COST A YEAR

The regular school census of the Medford schools is now complete and in the hands of Clerk Stine. The responsibility of enumerating the children was placed under Superintendent Hillis and the principals of the schools. The district has been covered thoroughly and the following figures give the present school population: Boys, 845; girls, 770; total, 1615.

It has been generally understood that the county board expects to cut down the appropriation from \$12 to \$9. In view of the fact that the assessed valuation has been cut about \$1,000,000, the taxpayers will have about \$15,000 less to pay for the upkeep of the schools this year than last. The board of education levied the same amount (10 mills) that was required to run the schools last year. It is hoped through economy and careful management all obligations of the district can be met for the coming year.

The above figures show a falling off of 140. This, however, does not mean that the school attendance has decreased in the same proportion. The total number of pupils enrolled in the public schools to date is 1264. Comparing this report with January 22, 1915, the schools are only short sixteen pupils over January of this year.

The high school has shown the greatest growth within its history. January 22, 1915, the total enrollment reached 278. At the present time the enrollment is 312. This will be increased to more than 350 at the beginning of the second semester.

### WHAT PLAY FOR FORBES ROBERTSON?

The Drama League is in receipt of a letter from the management of the Forbes Robertson farewell tour which is published below and speaks for itself:

"Secretary Drama League, Medford, Oregon.  
Dear Sir: We have cancelled Ashland, Ore., December 22, in order to play your city on that date because of the requests we have received from your league and we trust that you will aid us in every way to warrant the change in dates. Which play do you think we ought to give in Medford, Hamlet or Passing of the Third Floor Back? We should like to hear from you on this point and if the journeys permit will arrange as you suggest. Am enclosing our route card. I am just ten days ahead of these dates. Yours sincerely,  
RAY HENDERSON."

The Drama League center feels that the best way to ascertain the wishes of the play-going public would be to ask them to express their choice by leaving word or phoning the Page theater. On account of a delay in delivering this letter little time left in which to communicate with Mr. Henderson. Therefore all votes should be in by Saturday evening.

St. Helens' cannery shipped a carload of canned beans to Seattle.

### USE "CASCARETS" FOR LIVER AND BOWELS WHEN CONSTIPATED

When Bilious, Headachy, Sick, for Sour Stomach, Bad Breath, Bad Colds.

Get a 10-cent box. Take a Cascaret tonight to cleanse your Liver, Stomach and Bowels, and you will surely feel great by morning. You men and women who have headache, coated tongue, a bad cold, are bilious, nervous, upset, bothered with a sick, gassy, disordered stomach, or have backache and feel all worn out. Are you keeping your bowels clean with Cascarets—or merely forcing a passage every few days with salts, cathartic pills or castor oil? Cascarets immediately cleanse and regulate the stomach, remove the sour, undigested and fermenting food and foul gasses; take the excess bile from the liver and carry off the constipated waste matter and poison from the bowels.

Remember, a Cascaret tonight will straighten you out by morning. A 10-cent box from your druggist means healthy bowel action; a clear head and cheerfulness for months. Don't forget the children.—Adv.

### LOCAL COMPANY TO DEVELOP LITHIA SPRINGS, ASHLAND

Articles of incorporation of the Pompadour Mineral Springs company were today filed at Salem with Corporation Commissioner Schullerman, with a capitalization of \$100,000, the incorporators being James D. Bell and M. P. Schmitt of Medford and George W. Soranson of Grants Pass. The purpose of the company is the development and exploitation of the lithia waters at Ashland.

The lithia springs are located near Ashland. Mr. Bell is proprietor of the Nash hotel. Mr. Schmitt is an expert accountant. George Soranson has been receiver of the Golden Drift Mining Co.

During the past six months development work on the springs has been prosecuted and that on the "Pompadour Chief" spring, which has a flow of approximately twenty-five gallons per minute, a modern concrete public spring house and bottling plant with a wooden superstructure, has been completed and approved and

modern bottling equipment has been ordered and will be installed immediately upon arrival.

**Similar to Saratoga**  
Mr. Schmitt states that the development is of more than local interest on account of the character of the water and the condition under which it is obtained. He said the waters belong to the alkaline group of mineral waters and are similar to the Saratoga Springs and the famous springs of Weisbaden and Naheim, Germany. Further, that these waters are richer in lithium content in their natural state than any known potable mineral waters in the world. Also, that outside of Saratoga Springs, where the State of New York has taken over and made a state reservation, these springs are the only ones known in the United States where it is possible to develop the carbon dioxide baths which has made the Old World famous.

In addition to the waters, the flow of natural carbonic acid gas exceeds 10,000 pounds per day and is 97.8 per cent pure. There is an extensive market for this product, and outside of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., there is no other known place in the United States where this gas has been shown to exist in sufficient quantity to market the same commercially. It is proposed to install equipment in the near future for the liquification of this gas

and market the same. The natural product is conceded to be far superior to the manufactured gas, commanding a higher price, costing less also to produce, and this industry promises to develop a tremendous business.

**Anthony Retained**  
Mr. Schmitt stated that Charles G. Anthony, consulting engineer for the state reservation commission at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., an authority on mineral waters and carbonic acid gas, has been retained as consulting engineer by this company, and that he will visit Ashland during the present month to supervise the installation of machinery and advise in the further development of the springs.

Ashland, recognizing the value of her great variety of mineral waters, is now spending the proceeds of a \$175,000 bond issue in developing the city as a health resort, "The Caribbean of America," and in enlarging and beautifying the parks.

**DANCING SCHOOL**  
Subscription list will be opened for classes in dancing at the Seventh Company club dance Saturday evening, December 11.

Pupils will be accepted for private or club lessons. Demonstration of fancy and ball room dancing Saturday evening.

MR. & MRS. CARL LOVELAND, 225\*

### PLAN REBUILDING OF BURNED MUNITION CITY OF HOPEWELL

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 10.—Advices today direct from Hopewell say the work of rebuilding will start at once. Businessmen met this afternoon and determined to put up a better character of structures. Tents are being sent by the state military authorities to care for the homeless.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Chief Bielaski of the department of justice bureau of investigation, instructed today his agent at Norfolk to proceed to Hopewell, Va., and make thorough investigation of yesterday's disastrous fire.

HOPEWELL, Va., Dec. 10.—The town of Hopewell, swept by fire yesterday and last night, was almost as bare today as the cornfield in which its first buildings were put up a year ago. In the main part of the town of 25,000 persons hardly a building remained, though the great explosive plant nearby and company vil-

lages at either end of the town escaped unharmed. The loss is placed at \$1,000,000. Thousands of refugees were housed during the night in Petersburg and Richmond. The explosive plant, which day and night at top speed is turning out war munitions for the allies, ceased operations only long enough to make sure none of its buildings would burn.

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Kayser's Silk Hose, in black, white and colors, pr. **\$1.00**

Kayser's Italian Silk Hose, in all colors, pair. **\$1.50**

Fiber Silk Hose, all sizes and colors, pair. **50c**

Silk Boot Hose, pair. **25c**

**Half Price Sale**

**Every Winter Suit and Coat in the Store on Sale Saturday at Half Price**

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The most complete stock in Medford. If in doubt as to the size, buy a **Glove Bond.**

Two-Clasp Kid Gloves, all new styles and colors, very special, per pair.	16-Button White Kid Gloves, fine #4 grade, now, a pair.	Complete line of Women's and Children's Wool Gloves and Mittens at, pair.
<b>\$1.25</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>	<b>25c and 50c</b>

**Sensational Sale of Handbags for Xmas**

A fortunate purchase puts us in a position to sell you new, nifty Hand Bags at about one-half price.

Hand Bags, all leather, real \$1.50 values, on sale at, each.	Hand Bags, all leather, up to \$2.00 values, on sale at, each.	Hand Bags, new styles, real \$4.00 values, on sale at, each.
<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$1.19</b>	<b>\$1.98</b>

**BEAUTIFUL FURS**

The Most Royal Gift of All

New Muffs from	<b>\$2.25 to \$10.00</b>
New Scarfs from	<b>\$3.50 to \$15.00</b>
New Sets from	<b>\$6.00 to \$25.00</b>

Our New York people have sent us some new Children's Furs for Xmas Gifts which we place on sale from **\$1.50 up to \$6.50** a set. Nothing is more appreciated than good Furs.

**Handkerchiefs Always Welcome Gifts**

This is a stock we are proud of—its wide varieties, its fine, clean, new merchandise, its attractive Xmas boxes, the many gift suggestions it makes for everybody, and the marvelous little prices.

**Umbrellas**

For children, **50c, 69c and \$1.00 each.**

For Women, from **\$1.00 up to \$6.00.**

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