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MEDFORD is in the center of the  
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## MEDFORD, 11; GRANTS PASS, 6.

For six innings Sunday it looked like a shut out for Grants Pass, as during that time not a man from the capital of Josephine succeeded in crossing the plate. In the meantime the Medford team, with the assistance of some costly errors on the part of their opponents, had been scoring a run or two in each inning, except the fifth and sixth, until they were six runs to the good.

In the sixth inning Grants Pass made first on Cattanach's error, stole second and scored on Allen's long hit to left. Miles error gave Al Schmidt life and Allen scored on Harry Smith's hit. Schmidt was caught trying to steal third, Fernall went out—Elfert to Purdy, Faubin was hit by pitcher, but died at second, when H. Schmidt was thrown out at first by Wilkinson. Two runs.

In the ninth inning Grants Pass took a batting rally and accumulated a total of four runs, by a combination of errors and timely hitting. That was all, however. The honors were even in hitting, each pitcher being touched up by nine hits, but Grants Pass was unfortunate in being unable to bunt their way. Wilkinson, King and Purdy are each credited with two baggers. The latter didn't intend to do it, but he did it just the same. Eight Medford men tore great holes in the atmosphere, while but two of the visitors struck out.

Wilkinson walked one and hit three. Fernall issued referee tickets to two and hit one—Isaacs, but he always gets hit anyway.

SCORE BY INNINGS:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Medford	2	1	2	0	0	4	1	0	0
Grants Pass	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0

\*Didn't bat in ninth.

### It Was Terrific.

The well-worn old classic, Rip Van Winkle, might sometime in its career have been presented in worse shape than it was Monday night by Eller's tenor show, but its doubtful. The ingenious—Nina—talked and sang at the roof of the tent all the time, and remarked—after identifying "Rip" after a twenty-years absence—that she was "so bewildered," in very much the same tone and manner as one would say, "it's a nice day." The meeting between the two lovers was also very affecting. They had been parted three years and they—shook hands when they met. Ye Gods, what a dramatic climax. "Rip" himself was a little better than the rest of the bunch, but that isn't saying much. In the usual before the last act set the manager took occasion to thank the audience for the liberal applause. As a matter of fact there had been but little applause, and it is still a mystery whether those thanks were in the way of sarcasm, or because the company had had other things than applause coming their way of late. The only good things in the whole show were the trick bicycles riding and the band, both of which were above the average.

### Has Signed Statement No. 11.

J. W. Perkins, the regular Republican nominee for the legislature from Jackson county, called at The Mail office Wednesday and asked that this paper, in his behalf, make a correction of the erroneous report which has been circulated and which is in substance that he did not sign Statement No. 11. Mr. Perkins stated most emphatically that he had signed the statement above referred to and to set at ease the minds of those who may be in doubt he has asked us to reproduce the statement with his signature affixed thereto, which statement here follows:

### Miller-Ankeny.

From Eugene Register:  
A very quiet wedding was solemnized last Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. H. E. Ankeny on the Hill, when the daughter of the house, Miss Dolly, became the bride of Mr. Alfred H. Miller.  
The ceremony was performed by Dr. Lovridge in the presence of the family and a few intimate friends. The bride was one of Eugene's most attractive young women and a general favorite, and was exquisitely gowned in white mull. The house decorations were Sweetbriar and apple blossoms. The presents were many and included everything required in the establishment of a home.  
During the evening a light collation was served. At 1:30 the newly wedded pair took the southbound train. They will be at home in Medford after May 15th.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

A meeting of the executive committee of the Rogue River Valley Development League was held at the city hall in Ashland Friday afternoon. Some forty members of the committee from the several towns of Jackson and Josephine counties were present.

A constitution and by-laws previously prepared by Secretary Eggleston was adopted by the committee. This constitution provides for the formation of a central promotion organization, to include in its membership the commercial organizations of the cities and towns of the valley, and also the citizens of every rural community in both Jackson and Josephine counties. Regular meetings of the executive board to consist of one representative for each twenty members or major fraction thereof from each commercial body in the valley will be held bi-monthly. Each postoffice district may also select, at least, one representative from members in good standing in this organization, and if there be twenty or more such members in such district, there shall be additional representation, pro rata.

The admission fee is placed at \$2.50, and the dues will be such as the executive committee shall determine.

The officers of the development league will be ex-officio officers of the board.

H. E. Lounsbury, district freight agent, and Wm. McMurray, assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific Company, addressed the meeting at Ashland and promised the co-operation of the railroad in the development of the valley. Several other short, but enthusiastic, speeches were made.

The next meeting will be held at Grants Pass on June 9th. According to present calculations a big meeting of the whole league will be held at Ashland during Chautauqua week in July, and it is proposed to have a development day at the assembly.

### Among the members of the executive board present were:

Messrs C. R. Ray, J. W. Perkins, John D. Olwell, of Medford; V. T. McCray, F. E. Byrnes, of Agate; J. W. Pernoll, H. D. Kubli, R. E. O'Brien, of Applegate; T. M. Jones, W. J. Freeman, W. C. Leover, of Central Point; Joshua Patterson, Emmitt Beeson, V. Dunlap, of Talent; W. K. Price, J. T. Hagan, W. A. Mansfield, of Toledo; J. W. Grover, T. E. Nichols, J. F. Brown, of Eagle Point; H. H. Cager, E. C. Toss, H. O. Williams, of Placer; G. W. Barron, J. M. Wagner, James Cook, of Barron; R. C. Washburn, J. C. Pendleton, S. K. Adams, of Table Rock; A. C. Kinney, W. B. Sherman, C. A. Dietson, H. L. Gillie, Frank South, R. L. Coe, of Grants Pass; A. E. Kellogg and W. A. Carter, of Gold Hill.

### The Old Town All Right.

The following from an old citizen of this city is emblematic of the opinion which both new and old residents have formed of Medford. We would call particular attention to the last clause in the article. The letter was written by J. B. Thompson, now of Weed, California, who was some sixteen years ago a resident of this city, when it was in its "swaddling clothes," but who is impressed by its growth, prosperity and the enterprise of its citizens:

"While a visitor recently for a few hours in your city I was so favorably impressed by its thriving, prosperous condition that I feel inspired, as it were, knowing of no more public way of giving my inspiration to the public than through the columns of your paper, I beg to acknowledge your kindness. My impressions were formed wholly from superficial, rapid fire observations, since to all intents and purposes I am a stranger here. I see in Medford the banner city for many a weary mile, both north and south. The line of proposed improvement under such general discussion means much to Southern Oregon. A proportionally larger trade must come to your city through increased transportation facilities. Your proposed system alone will bring about a model system of intensive farming for which Rogue River Valley is peculiarly adapted. The soil and climatic conditions so unite as to form a veritable garden spot, at once healthful and wonderfully productive.

"Then, too, your city offers a wide and promising field to the inventor. None of that mushroom propensity, spelled boom to create flimsy valuations, nothing but a sturdy growth which promises more and why not more, hundreds of tons on the invested dollar.

"Sixteen short years have rolled merrily on since your, etc., was an abused school boy in the old frame graded school. Today I find that the onward march of time and Medford's enterprising citizens have replaced that ancient hall of learning by an elegant modern structure of which no city need have shame. Many familiar names appear upon the various business houses which all tends to convince me that Medford is good enough for some people and why not more. Here's to the good old town. Meant while get your promotion committee busy, keep them there, find a slogan and advertise! Advertise! Advertise!! Advertise!!!"

—Medford now has the most up-to-date abstract system in this county. See Jackson County Abstract Co., Palm-Neidermeyer building. 2-ft

## DESPERADO SMITH PAYS THE PENALTY.

### Driven to Earth by Armed Men and Bloodhounds, Frank Smith Perishes at the Hands of Harry Draper

OREGON CITY, Or., May 1.—Desperado Frank Smith, murderer of three officers of the law, was killed this forenoon in the woods south of New Era, Clackamas county, by a bullet in his head from the revolver of Harry Draper, of Spokane.

The outlaw was trapped at 9 o'clock this morning and at 11:10 he was writhing in the underbrush wounded unto death.

Prior to his destruction Smith had made a sensational escape into the timber and had been surrounded and penned in by at least 200 officers and volunteers. Dynamite had been used to dislodge him, and the woods had been fuskaded with bullets, all of which he escaped unharmed.

Smith was tracked to his lair through the sagacious intelligence of Draper's bloodhounds, which did the best work that bloodhounds have ever accomplished in this state.

Concealed behind a fallen log, less than twenty-five feet in a straight line from the railroad track, Smith was brought to bay and there crouched until the pursuers came upon him. The flushing of Smith was unexpected, although the men were certain he was in the timber. The officers stumbled upon him and were standing within three feet of him when he was espied.

The dogs, which had been following the hot scent and uttering loud cries, stopped at the log and snarled the air, holding their heads aloft. Draper had the beasts in leash, and

was urging them on. Suddenly Draper glanced down, and there, concealed partly by the log, was the murderer and fugitive.

"Are you Smith?" demanded Draper.

"Yes," was the brief answer.

As Smith made this reply he pulled his revolver from the inside of his coat and started to level it at Draper.

"Plug him!" exclaimed the detective and sheriff's office men, and in the twinkling of an eye Draper had whipped out his own revolver from its holster and sent a bullet crashing through Smith's temple.

The outlaw was dragged from the brush to the railroad track and laid on a handcar. A dozen men pushed the car the quarter-mile to New Era. Smith groaned the entire distance and died soon afterward.

Smith escaped from the Portland jail, where he was under arrest for having robbed the Troutdale post-office, Wednesday morning of last week. That night he shot and killed Policeman Hamilton, of Oregon City, while the latter was trying to place him under arrest.

The next night he robbed the Canby postoffice and on Saturday night, in a battle with the posse near Woodburn, killed Capt. Henderson and wounded Sheriff Shaver, of Clackamas county, fatally.

The climax of the chase came as told in the above and Smith died as he had caused other human beings to die.

### Dora Jennings Not Guilty.

At midnight, Thursday night, the jury in the case of Dora Jennings on trial for her life for the second time, before Judge Hanna at Grants Pass, and charged with the murder of her father, brought in a verdict of not guilty. The jury deliberated for only a short time to reach this verdict. District Attorney Reames did not finish his argument until 10 o'clock, after which time the charge was given to the jury and it retired.

Newton M. Jennings was killed in his cabin at the Granite Hill mine, Josephine county, on the night of September 7, 1905. He was shot in the head while he slept in a room occupied also by his daughter, Dora, a girl of nineteen, and also a young daughter. Two sons, Jasper and Jimmie, were in a room upstairs. All denied hearing any noise or the report of firearms in the night.

The mother was accused by the son, Jasper, of having killed the father. This charge was not proved. Jasper was tried and convicted of the murder of his father, the objects assigned being the desire of Jasper to gain possession of \$650 in cash belonging to his father and to secure a wood contract that produced a revenue of \$100 a month. The young man wanted the money, it was shown in the trial, to bring his sweetheart to the Lewis and Clark Exhibition.

Jasper likewise accused his sister, Dora, of complicity in the killing of their father and she was arrested and tried on the charge. The first trial resulted in a disagreement on January 26, 1906. Jasper alleged the shooting was done by his sister Dora with his rifle which she afterwards hid.

The trial caused intense interest, and was attended by many women, who became enthusiastic adherents to Dora's cause. They filled the court room at each session of the court, and the crowds were so great that the jurors were overcome by the fetid atmosphere of the ill ventilated courtroom in Grants Pass and were compelled to ask for adjournment.

The verdict rendered in the present trial has been productive of expressions of general satisfaction that the girl, who is considered innocent, has been acquitted.

### Central Committee Meeting.

The Republican central committee, elected at the primaries on April 20th, met at the Commercial Club rooms on Monday to organize and formulate a plan of campaign. The meeting was called to order by E. T. Staples, chairman of the former committee, who stated the object of the meeting. The committee then organized by the election of M. F. McCown, of Medford, as chairman and J. A. Harvey, of Ashland, as secretary.

W. A. Carter, of Gold Hill, was chosen as state central committeeman and P. H. Dally, of Jacksonville, as congressional committeeman.

An executive committee was appointed, consisting of J. W. Robinson, of Jacksonville, C. C. Taylor, of Roxy, W. E. Isaacs, of Medford, and C. H. Pierce, of Ashland. The chairman of the county central committee was made an ex-officio member and chairman of the executive committee.

### Tells of Conditions in San Francisco.

When San Francisco was laid low by earthquake and fire Mr. L. E. Hoover at once wrote to his old-time Medford friends, Attorney and Mrs. C. P. Snell, who were residents of that city, telling them that if they had been so unfortunate in losing their property in San Francisco there was a home for them in the Hoover household until such time as they could establish themselves in business again. An answer came Monday of this week, acknowledging receipt of the kindly offer and stating that they had decided to remain in the city. Following are a few excerpts from Mrs. Snell's letter, which was written on the 27th:

"The women, police and people on the relief committee live all around us and they are stocking up for a year, but people like ourselves get very little. You know everything now a day is pull and graft, and this calamity is no exception and will leave some of the managers of it rich. Last night it rained and everybody is miserable and the suffering is great. There are families here who have been separated and taken to hospitals and different places, and in many instances the children lost and many of them will never again be united in this world. The policeman on our beat said he knew of thirty-six people who were made violently insane over this great calamity. The most of these are at the Presidio, but some are wandering the streets looking for their loved ones. I tell you the earthquake was awful enough and the fire was worse, but losing their families is the climax. We have had small shakes every day since the great shock and yesterday (the 24th) one was hard enough to shake another chimney down and kill a woman. It really seems like a miracle that none of us were injured. All of the women here are nervous and I do not suppose we will ever become reconciled to San Francisco again. Over 200,000 people have left the city and I know they will never come back. Charlie (Mr. Snell) hasn't a book, typewriter or any office furniture left and as he had offices in a fire-proof building (the Call building) he had carried no insurance.

The soldiers did a lot of wanton shooting, still it was a God's blessing that they were here for, seemingly, every cut-throat and gambler in the United States came here as fast as they could to loot and kill. One's life was in peril every second and we stayed as close home as possible. We did not lose our home, still it is very tottly and shakes every time a team passes on the street. A great many houses now standing will be condemned. If ever there was a ruined city this certainly is one. We did not lose any clothing or household effects and are not in need in that way, and we have given of our bounty to those less fortunate to the greatest possible extent.

One month more of school.  
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For Sale.  
Six head of horses—mares and colts. Will sell one or all. Also second hand reaper for sale or trade. Chas. Thumberg, one and a half miles east of Griffin creek school house. 18-2t

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## JACKSON COUNTY.

Jackson county warrants are now only a little more than a year and a half in arrears, the last call of the county treasurer being for warrants protested from March 14th to October 7, 1904.

Southern Pacific employes on this division must wait a few weeks for their salaries, the pay checks for the past month having been destroyed in the fire at San Francisco. Dupliques will be issued at once.

In spite of the unfavorable March weather, Manger Kitchin, of the Ashland Fruit Produce Association, estimates that where there were fifteen carloads of peaches for shipment from Ashland last year there will be twenty this year, and that the berry crop is most promising, says the Tidings.

Saturday night as Joe Stickle was going down to the Sardinia creek bridge, where he is employed, he was assailed by a trio of thugs who wished to relieve him of his valuable at the point of a gun. Fortunately Mr. Stickle carried none with him and the three gentlemen were compelled to depart as poor in this world's goods as before.—Gold Hill News.

### W. C. T. U. Hms.

The Union met at the Christian church with president and officers present. Some time was spent in discussion, after which the Union devoted the rest of the time to folding leaflets of suffrage literature to be distributed. Quite a number of the White Ribboners went to Ashland April 24th to attend the memorial services of Mrs. Anna Hammond, which was conducted by the W. C. T. U. The M. E. church was well filled most of the ministers of Ashland being present. About forty partook of the good things prepared by the Ashland ladies, who know how to have a bountiful and tasteful dinner.

Lady Somerset was reading a liquor paper recently and she saw there an open letter addressed to herself, saying that she should keep within the sacred precincts of home and that thus she would greatly adorn and beautify society. She turned the page of the paper, and what did she see on the other side. An advertisement. What was it? "Wanted—A barmaid; must not be over eighteen years of age; must be good looking; photograph indispensable." Then she thought going forth hand clasped in hand with White Ribboners in the effort to make the whole world more home like. She could find a home for that bar maid and deliver her from the thralldom of the dramshop, where man's greed has shut her in. It is easy to see Lady Somerset's working to give women homes while the liquor traffic is robbing homes of their women, and robbing women of their homes. There will be no union next Thursday, May 3d. The circus will be in Medford. The Union will meet at the Christian church May 10th. The Union has a key of their own. The doors will be open at 2:30 p. m.

### Pirates of Penzance.

Gilbert & Sullivan's well-known comic opera was produced by Ashland talent, assisted by members of the Andrews Opera Company, at Davis opera house on Thursday evening last, and the audience was universal in its praises of the performance. The music is tuneful and catchy, and the choruses are great.

Of the professional members of the cast it is not necessary to say a great deal, they have all acquired reputations in this line of work, which could not be improved by what words of praise we could give them. Of the amateurs, Messrs. Grover Nell, as the "Pirate King," and R. T. Burnett, as his lieutenant, made distinct hits, while Messames Provost and Burnett, and Miss Hattie Satchwell, as the daughters of Major General Stanley (Ed. Andrews) and Mrs. C. F. Shepher, a piratical maid of all work, sang their roles in a very pleasing manner.

The chorus work was equal to that of many professional shows.

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## MINDS SHATTERED BY EARTHQUAKE

OAKLAND, Calif., May 1.—Many waifs of the great San Francisco holocaust have drifted into the sheltering walls of the local receiving hospital.

Every day several cases are treated, and while numbers of these resolve themselves into temporary cases of hysteria, some show that the memory of the catastrophe will never leave their disordered minds.

One case which is marked with a pathetic heroism is that of Miss Tina Fals, twenty-two years of age, who is an imbecile. Her mother, Mrs. Birdie Falk, at the risk of her own life, save here from the burning home at First and Harrison streets, San Francisco, and led her gently through falling ruins to the ferries and thence to Oakland.

The afflicted young woman was lodged in the receiving hospital for lack of a better asylum.

The experience of Mrs. Marie Demaitre, a young French woman, is another pathetic case. She was taken to the receiving hospital by the police last night; her mind apparently so shattered that all memory of her antecedents had fled.

After a night's rest she was able to remember her name and the fact that, in the midst of the horrors of the earthquake and fire, she became separated from her husband and three children. She is still unable to remember her old address, and is being detained until her intellect becomes strong enough to aid her out of her dilemma.

Adams H. Anderson, aged seventy-four years, is another earthquake victim, his mind having been completely shattered by the shock.

### Indict Hearsi Men.

NEW YORK, April 30.—Indictments for nine men, who had to do with the forging of names on petitions by which William R. Hearst and other candidates of the Municipal Ownership League were nominated, were handed down by the grand jury today. Bench warrants were issued for the men, but none of them had been arrested when Recorder Goff adjourned his part of the general sessions court this afternoon. It is expected they will be taken into court tomorrow.

One of the men indicted is Benjamin M. Goldberger, who was arrested several weeks ago. He has admitted that he or the 6000 names on Mr. Hearst's petition for nomination for mayor he forged 5000, hiring copyists, who took the names from the list of registered voters printed in the city record. Then he hired notaries public who for a consideration swore that they had seen each signer place his name on the petitions, and that the signatures were genuine. Some of these notaries have also confessed and they are also indicted.

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## QUICK ACTION SAVES FACTORY.

For a short time Tuesday afternoon, between four and five o'clock, the plant of the Iowa Lumber & Box Co. was in imminent danger of destruction by fire.

The warehouse of the company, which was packed full of box shooks—and this very packing probably saved the building by obstructing the draft—caught fire underneath the floor at the north end. How long the fire had been smoldering is unknown, but when first seen flames and smoke were issuing from the roof. Manager Hafer and Mr. Williams were the first on the scene and Mr. Hafer climbed at once to the second floor of the building, where the smoke was so dense he could see nothing and with a fire extinguisher held the fire in that part in check until water could be turned on. Other machines were brought in to play and the fire department arriving promptly the fire was soon under control. It was quick action and nerve on the part of the factory people, however, that averted a serious conflagration, as with the high wind which was blowing the fire would have spread to the whole plant and to many residences nearby.

The loss will be between \$2500 and \$3000, covered by insurance in the Queens and Royal Insurance Companies. The principal damage was to the box shooks stored in the building, many of which were totally ruined, on account of being stained by the smoke and soaked with water.

The suppositious origin of the fire is that some hobo had spent the night under the building and had left a cigarette or coals from his pipe smoldering in the debris beneath the platform.

That the fire started from below and upon the inside is shown by the condition of the walls and sills. The sill where the main part of the fire was charred to the depth of an inch or more and the inside of the wall is also charred from the floor to the roof. On the outside there is no trace of fire.

The day of the fire the Iowa Lumber & Box Co. had received a new chemical engine with a hundred feet of hose, but at the time of the fire the engine had not been charged. Now it is ready for business and capable of coping with any ordinary blaze.

### The Presbytery of Southern Oregon.

In the Presbyterian church on Wednesday, May 24, the Presbytery of Southern Oregon met in an adjourned meeting for the transaction of business and to ordain Mr. Geo. D. Byers as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Mr. Byers was examined by Presbytery in the various studies pursued in his preparation for the ministry and his parts of trial, which were a sermon, lecture, Latin thesis and Greek exegesis, were also examined. In all these tests and trials Mr. Byers acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of the whole Presbytery. At a meeting at 8 p. m. the service of ordination took place. Rev. James M. Wilson, of Ashland, presided and asked the constitutional questions and offered the ordaining prayer. It was impressive as the candidate for ordination knelt and the Presbytery laid upon his head their hands in clothing him with all the authority and privileges of a minister of the Gospel in the Presbyterian church, and at the conclusion of the ordaining prayer the choir and congregation broke out in singing:

"Ye Christian heralds, go proclaim Salvation through Emmanuel's name; To distant climes the tidings bear, And plant the rose of Sharon there."

Rev. W. S. Holt, D. D., of the Presbytery of Portland, by request made the charge to the young man who was thus ordained to go as a missionary to Hawaii. Dr. Holt's charge was impressive, not only to the one to whom he was especially speaking, but also to the entire audience. He was for many years a missionary in China and is now a Synodical Missionary in his home country, and out of his life's experiences he spoke eloquent words of admonitions that will forever remain an inspiration to the young minister and to all.

The choir had prepared appropriate music, which was impressively and beautifully rendered. Presbytery adjourned with everyone saying in his heart, "Oh! for more days like this."

### A. E. Reames Will Resign.

District Attorney Reames has signified his intention of tendering his resignation in the near future. The reason given by Mr. Reames is that he is unable to attend to his private practice and at the same time give sufficient attention to the duties of his office. The appointment of his successor will lie in the hands of Governor Chamberlain, and it is said that J. K. Nell, of Jacksonville, and H. D. Norton, of Grants Pass, have both expressed a willingness to immolate themselves upon the altar of official duty.