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In the production of Fine Fruit
The Rogue River Valley
Leads OREGON and Medford,
its metropolis and trade center,
is best represented by
THE MEDFORD MAIL
SEND IT TO YOUR FAVORITE FRIENDS

A FEW OF OUR MANY FINE HOLIDAY SPECIALS

You Should get these Soon

WE ARE offering some of the finest specials it was ever the privilege for any store to offer. Below we mention a few of the many good specials to be found in our store.

Holiday Goods are on display all over the store. You will enjoy a look through, even though you don't find anything to buy.

Remember, we can save you money on your gifts. Will you give us a trial?

Sale of Wash Waists

Prices Less than Wholesale

Our Mr. Hutchason wanted to buy a line of Wash Waists for spring which is only sold to the largest stores of the United States, and in order to do so had to go to Portland. While there he bought the sample line of Wash Waists at one-fourth less than wholesale, and we now have them to offer at a little less than whole-sale cost. Think of the saving. You can buy these Waists for less than most merchants have to pay.



98c for a big assortment of styles that are worth \$1.50
\$1.19 for a big line of fine Wash Waists, white, worth \$1.75
\$1.39 for a fine line of fine Wash Waists worth at least \$2.00
\$1.50 for a lot of fine Wash Waists worth to \$2.50

Hosiery Specials

Don't Miss a Look at These

We want you to become acquainted with our Hosiery values, believing that once you try us for Hosiery you will come back.

10c a pair for a lot of about 25 dozen heavy ribbed cotton Hosiery; all sizes for children, a 15c grade.

19c a pair for Children's heavy and fine ribbed Hosiery; all sizes from 5 1/2 to 10; our best 25c sellers.

25c a pair for Ladies', Children's and Misses fine cashmere Hosiery; all sizes; a splendid value.

29c a pair for Ladies' regular 35c and 40c plain black and white foot cotton Hosiery; these are bargains.

Suit and Coat Sale

Your Chance to Save Money

This is certainly the best Coat and Suit sale we have ever seen. Think of the best selected merchandise; every garment made within the last few months by the best manufacturers, now being offered at sacrifice prices.

\$5.00 for Coats worth every cent of \$10.00 each.

\$7.00 for Ladies' Suits that we formerly sold for \$11.00

11.00 for Suits that were worth up to \$20.00.

14.50 for Coats and Suits that formerly sold up to \$22.50

17.50 for Coats and Suits that formerly sold up to \$25.00

19.00 for our best \$25 & \$27.50 Suits and Coats.



Underwear Specials

You can't Afford to Miss This

Have you bought your supply of Winter Underwear? You can afford to buy these and lay them away for future use.

47c for a line of Misses fine ribbed cotton Union Suits, worth at least 65c each. Hurry on these.

43c for Ladies' fleeced cotton ribbed Union Suits worth 65c.

23c a garment for Ladies' ribbed fleeced cotton Underwear. Hurry.

79c a garment for Ladies' silk and wool Vests and Pants, patent process, a dandy \$1.25 value.

Medford's Holiday Store

BAKER-HUTCHASON CO.

First Room North of Jackson County Bank

THE NEW RURAL TELEPHONE.

A new rural telephone line is now under construction leading from Medford to the Western Orchard Co.'s property and to the Medford Coal mine, and incidentally taking in several farmers along the line.

The line will be very substantially constructed, using cedar poles, cross bars, etc., like a regular main line. The length of the line will be about nine miles including all the crooks and turns and will prove a big convenience. It is sometimes pretty difficult to induce a farmer to put up the necessary money to build a telephone line—something he has done without all his life—as he can't see the particular use for it. But once he gets it, finds out how many trips to town it saves him, how much time he saves by talking over the phone to his neighbors instead of making a trip there and back, and what a convenient thing it is all around, he wouldn't be without it for twice the original cost.

This line is being constructed by the Rogue River Electrical Construction Co., which is in itself a guarantee of first-class, up-to-date work.

An Ideal (?) Home Town.

"A home town—the ideal spot for home-seekers" is the way Ashland is being advertised through the magazines by the Commercial Club of that city. K. M. Riley, formerly of Minneapolis, a home-seeker who has been spending the past month in Medford, during which period he has been looking the country over with the view of locating permanently somewhere in this valley, was given a reception at Ashland Monday which had a tendency to counteract any favorable impression he might under other circumstances have formed of that community. Riley went to Ashland on the noon train and while walking from the depot towards the main street was accosted by a policeman who in a gruff and insulting manner inquired what he was doing there. Riley informed him that he was looking the town over. The policeman then asked Riley if he carried a gun, and was informed that he did not. He was next asked if he had any money, which query was answered by showing some bills and small change. As Riley did not attempt to turn—and does not look like a Swede—the police did not offer to shoot, but ended his inquiry by warning Riley that if he was caught begging he would be severely dealt with.

If home-seekers who fail to attire themselves in a plug hat and a dress suit are given this reception at Ashland it would probably be as well for strangers to keep away from that community, and the Commercial club should revise its advertising. Riley, while plainly dressed, has the appearance of an honest working man and would not be mistaken for a crook over a bobo by anyone of average intelligence, and the Ashland policeman is evidently below the standard in this respect.

—Silver plated milk tubes for sale at the Rogue River Creamery, Medford.

—Silver plated trocars, for use for relief of cows when bloated, for sale at the Rogue River Creamery, Medford.

AN OLD LAND MARK GONE.

For many years an old weather beaten building has stood on the Medford-Central Point road opposite the Merriman place, that was one of the first buildings erected in that part of the valley, but last week it was torn down and removed.

It was in 1855 that Emory E. Gore, twin brother of E. E. Gore, now deceased, built the structure for the purpose of conducting a store there in. After its completion he left for the east to buy his stock of goods, but for various reasons remained there and did not return until a few years ago, when he returned here on a visit.

For several years the building was used as a church and many of the early ministerial held services there.

In those days a grove of oaks cast a grateful shade upon the slight eminence upon which the old building stood and upon "meeting days" every oak sheltered several teams—no drawing, modern carriages by the way, but hitched to farm wagons, many of which were the old lynch-pins and bar truck style that had come across the plains, and the motive power was in many instances oxen. However, many useful lessons were taught and learned in that old building during the time it was used for a church, one of the oldest church buildings in the valley, indeed the oldest building, for although the Methodist church was established in Jacksonville by Rev. Mr. Royal some years before, the original building is not now standing.

An old pioneer tells the story of how the money was raised for building the first church in Jacksonville, as follows: "The preacher was a little, lame fellow, and he certainly was persistent about getting money for the church. There wasn't any lid to anything in those days. Mr. Royal would go anywhere where he thought he could raise money for the church. As a result of the conditions there wasn't a whole lot of church members in Jacksonville, and most of the money was among the fellows that frequented other places than churches, but the boys noticed that the 'lame preacher' as they called him was having trouble getting the money for his church. One night he came into a gambling place where a big game was going, a gambler, one of the worst in the bunch saw him just at the wind-up of a play for a big pot. 'If I win, he said, 'it goes to the preacher.' He lost, but the winner turned over the money to the minister just the same the word went down the line and every place the preacher stepped into, the winner turned over his winnings to him. That's the way the first church was built in Jacksonville."

—Noyes & Dressler will run in connection business with their real estate business—an employment agency. Please call or address Noyes & Dressler, Moore Bldg., Medford Oregon.

—Silver plated trocars, for use for relief of cows when bloated, for sale at the Rogue River Creamery, Medford.

"AN INTERCHANGE OF CIVILITIES."

Mayor Reddy and President Barnum of the Rogue River Valley Ry. had a little personal altercation Wednesday morning which might have terminated seriously, but for the Mayor's spry qualities and the intervention of bystanders. The council, it will be remembered, lately passed an ordinance extending the fire limits, which ordinance seriously interfered with Mr. Barnum's plans for a depot building, and Wednesday morning he and Mayor Reddy engaged in conversation over the matter. One word led to another when Barnum seized an axe and started in the Mayor's direction. The latter evinced a sudden desire to leave the neighborhood and started straight across the mud-hole known as Seventh street—which will be paved some day, maybe—to the great detriment of the appearance of his shoes and trousers legs. Mr. Barnum, realizing that he was out classed as to speed, halted at the edge of the mud-hole and threw his weapon in the general direction of his opponent. The weapon struck in the mud a short distance behind Reddy, and thereby added a few additional splashes of mud to his raiment. Then the Mayor, fearing that he wasn't as good a "mud-horse" as he thought he was turned and picked up Mr. Barnum's discarded weapon. It was then Barnum's move but at this juncture bystanders intervened and prevented a continuation of the hostilities.

A warrant of arrest was sworn out for Barnum and on Thursday he gave bonds for his appearance at the next term of the circuit court.

Chicago Gets Convention.

Chicago was victorious on the first ballot in the Republican National Committee for the location of the Republican National Convention of 1908. The date on which the convention will meet is June 16. The vote stood 31 for Chicago 18 for Kansas City and four for Denver, after which Chicago was selected by acclamation. The result was pleasantly received by all the Kansas City and Denver boomers, of whom there was 60 or 70 present, who announced themselves as satisfied. Kansas City declared through the delegation, however, that she would come back after the convention again in 1912 and would be sure to get it at that time.

The selection of a date was a compromise between the first of June and the last of June, all being satisfied on that point also. The committee reached a compromise on the proposition, as set forth in the call, for the selection of delegates by primaries in states having laws prescribing that method of election. This was accomplished by giving state and county committee authority to decide whether the primary election shall take the place of the election by convention, as in the past.

The formal call will be issued tomorrow. The call provides that delegates from the state-at-large shall be selected as scheduled by the several state committees; that congressional delegates and alternates shall all be elected by district conventions called by the district congressional committee, providing that delegates and both state and district alternates may be elected under the laws of any state as provided by the state committee.

The territories, including Alaska, had the number of their representatives in convention reduced from six to two.

A report on the procedure for the election of delegates from Porto Rico and the Philippines provided for a call by territorial or central committees for an election for the choosing of two delegates. The method for such election was prescribed.

Can't Do Without It.

The following from P. P. Fehely, Reque Calif., is one of those little things that encourage a fellow to keep going:

A. S. Hilton.
Dear Sir:—Enclosed please find \$3 for renewal to your paper. I am taking several coast papers, and did not intend to renew my subscription to The Mail, but after being a subscriber for ten years, and it is too much like parting with an old and valued friend, hence this renewal.

Here's another that don't make a fellow feel bad so that you can notice it:

"Enclose find check for \$6 which you for my subscription and I will not think any naughty things about you for it. I am in the Rogue River Valley ever made Medford what it is, the valley that was Mr. Hilton, the greatest the county has ever had, and the man that has the least amount of credit for the same.

Your old friend,
Jack Hilton,
The Yankee Trader, Ashland, Ore.

THE K. OF P. BANQUET

Talisman Lodge, No. 31, K. of P., Tuesday evening made a social record that will require a good big effort to overcome when they gave their first annual banquet to some 200 members of the order and invited guests. It was the first function of the kind ever given by Talisman lodge, and the boys went at the preparations with but a single purpose in view, that of making the affair a brilliant success and the result is told in the enthusiastic words of commendation heard from every one who attended.

The Castle Hall and the banquet room—which room, by the way, was too small to accommodate the crowd, so the banquet was served in the opera house—were beautifully and elaborately decorated with flowers and ribbon streamers in the colors of the order. Each lady on entering was presented with a red carnation, while the gentlemen were given a white one.

At the Castle Hall, a short musical program was rendered in the early part of the evening and those who wished amused themselves with cards and dancing. The musical program was as follows: Selection by Miller's Orchestra, Selection by male quartette—Messrs. Muller, Andrews, Burnett, Withington, vocal solo, Mrs. C. M. Hazlett, Piano solo, Miss Flora Gray, Selection, Male quartette, Selection, Orchestra.

The company then adjourned to the opera house, where a most sumptuous banquet had been prepared, and there, at the risk of uttering a trite saying, we must record that a "feast of reason and a flow of soul" ensued for how could it be otherwise when Wm. I. Vawter was toast master and Attorney Mahlon Purdin responded to such a toast as "Damon and Pythias," when J. E. Enyart was called to reply to "Talisman Lodge," when W. M. Colvig was allowed to enlarge upon the theme of "Oregon," the "center of the universe," when J. P. Roberts paid delicate and deserved tribute to "The Ladies," and last but not least, Holbrook Withington spoke for a "Grater Medford." Every toast was drunk with enthusiasm, every speaker was frequently interrupted by applause, and everybody went home with a feeling of well being and contentment, and a sense of pleasure in having participated in this red letter event in local social history.

"Old Horse" Sale at Ashland.

The "old horse" sale of unclaimed packages by Wells Fargo & Co. at Ashland last week was a success, says the Tidings, from the company's point of view, though just what the purchasers thought about it isn't recorded. All sorts of fancy prices were paid for likely looking packages. One man paid \$17 on a big box that might contain about anything, and when he opened it found a beer pump. One could hardly imagine a more useless contrivance than a beer pump without anything to pump.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Jackson County Bank

of Medford, at the close of business, December 3, 1907.

The Jackson County Bank, (now in the twentieth year of its existence, submits below a statement of the condition at the close of business on December 3d, 1907, on date of call by the Comptroller of the Currency. Though under no legal obligation to submit a statement of its condition at this time, it cheerfully does so, showing legal reserves of two and a half times as large as the requirement of either the State or National Banking law. Every dollar of its capital and surplus and undivided profits over and above the \$25,000.00 originally paid in has been earned by this bank during its history of nearly one-half of a century.

W. I. VAWTER, President. G. R. LINDLEY, Cashier.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts.....\$318,275.00
Bonds, warrants and other securities..... 69,409.00
Bank building, furniture and fixtures..... 34,000.00
Cash on hand and with correspondent banks..... 150,982.78
Total.....\$532,666.78

LIABILITIES

Capital, full paid.....\$50,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits (net)..... 60,624.00
Deposits subject to check..... 418,051.88
Certificates of deposit..... 20,102.25
Cashier's checks..... 2,205.14
Time certificates of deposits..... 42,621.00
Due banks..... 5,584.03
Total.....\$532,666.78

State of Oregon, County of Jackson, ss:
I, G. R. Lindley, cashier of the Jackson County Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true according to my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1907.

(Notarial seal.)
Correct Attest:
W. I. VAWTER,
R. H. WHITEHEAD,
B. F. ADKINS,
Directors.

AS TO THE MAYORALTY

Medford, Ore., Dec. 10, 1907.

Editor Mail:—

Yesterday's Tribune contained a local item to the effect that I am a candidate for mayor of this city, and, further, that the term of the present mayor does not expire until January, 1908. I am sorry that I cannot agree with either statement. I am not now, nor have I ever been, a candidate for any office. This, however, is of little consequence, but the question as to the term of office of present mayor is of great importance.

The charter of 1905, among other things, provides:

"The mayor shall be elected and hold office for a term of two years, or until his successor is elected and qualified." And further: "All the elective officers of the present town of Medford shall remain in office and shall hold the same offices in the city of Medford until the third Tuesday in January, A. D. 1908, or until their successors are elected and qualified, etc." Another and a very important provision for the consideration of this question reads:

"Vacancies in an elective office may be filled FOR THE BALANCE OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM at any session of the council, by a majority vote of all the council."

Mayor W. H. Bradshaw was elected the 3rd Tuesday in January, 1905, the beginning of the regime under the present charter, for a period of two years. He resigned after having served some four months, and J. E. Howard was by the council appointed to fill the balance of the unexpired term, which expires or would have expired January, 1908. It is not necessary to consider whether Mayor Howard could have held office until the expiration of the term, that is, until 1908, for he voluntarily abandoned any claim thereto when he officially concurred in the call for an election of his successor, in 1907.

The Charter having fixed the first election for 1908 and made the term two years, it appears clear to me that Mayor Reddy could have been elected only for the unexpired term of Bradshaw.

Under the law, if there is any uncertainty in such a matter, the doubt is resolved in favor of the shortest term. "Where a constitutional or statutory provision is uncertain or doubtful in its construction as to the duration of the term of a public office, the interpretation will be adopted which limits the term to the shortest time." 19 Am. & Eng. (1st Ed.) 562.

The city council must act within the authority granted by the charter, and can no more transcend its limitations than the legislature can those of the constitution. The act of the council in calling for the election of a mayor for a term of two years from January 1907, if such be the case, was simply out side of their authority, so far as the second year is concerned.

The case involving this question decided by our supreme court so far as I have been able to find in the limited time I have had for investigation of the subject is State vs. Ware, 13 Or. 350. In this case the court held: "The term of office of a circuit judge under the constitution of this state, is six years, and when a vacancy occurring within the term is filled by election, the person so elected holds, not for the full term of six years, but only for the remainder of the unexpired term."

At any rate the safe thing to do is to elect a mayor at the coming election.

W. E. Philipp.