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Leads OREGON and Medford,
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THE MEDFORD MAIL
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We Are Still Harping On Undermuslins

Do You Wonder Why?

We honestly feel, deep down in our hearts, that we are showing the largest assortments, the prettiest styles, the best values in Gowns, Skirts, Corset Covers and Drawers that will be shown in Southern Oregon this season. Every garment made in a sanitary factory and the prices are guaranteed EXCEPTIONALLY LOW

Saturday the Last Day

Special Sale of Petticoats

These Petticoats were designed and built by the manufacturer for trade winners—under the most approved "sanitary" conditions. Each garment bears the "label" of the "National Consumers' League," as a guarantee of the cleanly factory conditions where they are made.

Be sure and see these values before they are gone.

No. 10 is a fine black Underskirt of imitation hesterbloom, made very full; an exceptional value \$1.00

No. 19 is made of a good quality Mercerized Satin, with a 12-inch flounce and a 4-inch ruffle, both cut very full; flounce has 2 clusters of 6 rows shirring and ruffle has one cluster of 5 rows shirring and one-half inch hemstitched hem; in black only; a very showy petticoat \$1.25

No. 67—Made of good quality Mercerized Satin, with 15-inch flounce and dust ruffle, trimmed with a two-band umbrella ruffle with three pin tucks in each band; flounce has three pin tucks above ruffle; cut full; a very superior skirt \$1.50

No. 240—Moreen Skirt, made with 11-inch under-flounce; outside flounce consists of one six-inch band with two groups of three pin tucks and two 3-inch bands; a good Skirt at the price; going at \$1.75

No. 254—This is made of imitation Hesterbloom Taffeta and has a deep flounce and ruffle, both cut very full; flounce has two groups of five-row shirring and three rows hemstitching; ruffle has three pin tucks and hemstitched hem; a very desirable petticoat at the price; a very showy design; price \$2.00

No. 273—Made from extra quality Mercerized Satin, with dust ruffle and very deep and full outside flounce, consisting of 7-inch band with three tapes 5 inch plaiting and two three-inch band umbrellas with tapes on each band, and all taped together where joined, making 9 tapes on the flounce; a very handsome skirt \$2.50

No. 245—Made from an extra good quality Mercerized Satin with a very deep flounce and dust ruffle; flounce has bias pin tucks and rows of hemstitching alternating, and is finished at bottom with a wide umbrella ruffle, with two rows of hemstitching and hemstitched hem; a very elaborate skirt and needs only to be seen to be appreciated; price \$3.00

All Silk Petticoats at Cost

Ladies Goods Exclusively.

Baker-Hutchason Company
First Room North of Jackson County Bank

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(ONE NIGHT ONLY)

MONDAY, - FEBRUARY - 30

GLORIA DARE

AND HER

FLORODORA GIRLS

Concert and recital selections from all the late metropolitan musical successes

FOR THE BENEFIT OF

**Weatonka Tribe, Imp. Order of
Redmen**

RESERVED SEATS - 75 CENTS

GENERAL ADMISSION - 50 CENTS

The Musical Treat of the Season

NEW THEATER BUILDING

By the beginning of the next theatrical season, about September 1st, Medford will have one of the most complete and up-to-date play houses in the state outside of Portland.

Plans for the building have been completed and work will be commenced in a very short time. The building is to be erected on the property owned by Dr. F. E. Page on the south east corner of 7th and A streets, by him, and will contain, besides the theater, three store rooms on the ground floor. The building will have a frontage of 215 feet on 7th street and will be 60 feet deep and three stories high. Every convenience of modern theaters will be incorporated in its structure. The stage will be sufficient in size to permit of the presentation of the biggest productions coming out of New York. This play house will be quite similar to the Heilig in Portland with new conveniences added.

County Commissioners Court.

In matter of petition of Mark Whipple for liquor license. Ordered that license be granted to petitioner to sell liquor in Woodville precinct.

In matter of Fruitless add to Medford. Said plat approved.

In matter of Queen Anne add to Medford. Said plat approved.

In matter of West Medford add to Medford. Said plat approved.

In matter of cancellation of tax sale certificate of land in tp 39 s r 1 e. Ordered that said sale be cancelled and the necessary corrections made in the tax roll.

In matter of cancellation of tax sale certificate for land in tp 36 s r 2 w. Same order as above.

In matter of taxes on lots 2 and 3 Helman add Ashland. Ordered that clerk draw warrant on general fund for \$10.17 in favor of G. S. Butler on account of double assessment of real property.

In matter of petition of Oregon and California R. R. Company for refund on account of double assessment. Ordered that clerk draw warrant on general fund in favor of R. K. Company for \$241.55 for account of such double assessment.

In matter of tax levy for 1908, ordered that a tax of 7 mills be levied on every dollar worth of property in the county, divided as follows: For county schools 1.8 mills, for state tax 1.6 mills, for county expense 2 mills, road tax 1.6 mills.

In matter of petition of J. M. Hurley for county road. Ordered that said road be established as soon as damages are paid by petitioners.

Matter of claim of E. B. Hanley for damages on account of J. M. Hurley's road. Claim disallowed.

In matter of appointing of fruit inspector. Ordered that Geo. W. Taylor be appointed fruit inspector.

In matter of appointing road supervisors for 1908. For district No. 1—W. F. Holbert, No. 2—L. A. Rose No. 3—A. Throckmorton, No. 4—Burton E. Hurd, No. 5—J. K. Morrison, No. 6—Louis J. Hezler, No. 7—Royal Brown, No. 8—Oscar Schuman, No. 9—Geo. W. Stacy. Ordered that Jack True be appointed county road master for 1908.

In matter of road petitioned for by Frederick Schneider. Report ordered established according to law.

The total outstanding debt of Jackson county October 1, 1907, as shown by the report of the county clerk was \$77,724.63.

In matter of Banker Hill addition to Medford—Plat approved.

In matter of Kings addition to Medford—plat approved.

In the matter of the settlement of D. H. Jackson, sheriff, showing disposition of the moneys collected by him as collector for the year 1906. It appearing that said sheriff and tax collector has collected all taxes with which he was charged except the sum of \$104.27 which is delinquent, it is ordered that the sheriff and tax collector proceed to issue delinquent certificates in the manner provided by law to parties desiring to purchase the same.

Davenport's Lecture.

Homar Davenport, who is probably Oregon's most widely known native son, gave his lecture on the "Romance and Mystery of the Great Arabian Desert" to a large and interested audience last Friday evening. Mr. Davenport aside from his ability as a cartoonist, has a personality all his own. He doesn't indulge in flowery talk or long, flowing sentences. He simply talks plain "United States" and the subject he spoke on was new to most of us, and the speaker is one who had "been there" his lecture was especially instructive and entertaining. After the lecture an informal banquet was held at Hotel Nash, where Mr. Davenport went further into details concerning his experience in the desert and the wild tribes which inhabit it.

THINGS TOLD ON THE STREET

An Easterner—"I have heard, since coming to Medford, several persons speak of the 'Poor Farm'. Now, do you know, I don't like that expression. Back East an institution of that kind is called a 'County Hospital'. It means the same thing, but I can't help but think the latter sounds smoother, and is not as significant as the former—especially when the expression is heard by strangers. The poor, of course, we will have with us always, and they must be taken care of—and, of course, will be, but I fancy your county could, by using the word hospital, do away with a little of the seeming harshness and sound of pauperism which cannot but grate upon a sensitive nerve and at the same time does a needless harm to one of the richest and most prosperous localities in the United States."

E. W. Andrews—"Everything is doing fine out at our place. The twenty acres of pears and apples my brother and I put out last year could not be in better shape than they now are. Did you see the Tokay grapes we marketed last fall? I believe they were the best ever grown in Southern Oregon. I have a notion of my own with regard to grape culture. You may have noticed that pretty nearly every vineyard in the valley gets very little care or cultivation. Now I don't believe this is right. I believe grape vines should be as thoroughly cultivated as fruit trees. Last season we cultivated our vineyard regularly until about the middle of July and by doing this we kept the grapes growing all the time, then when the rains came on in early September very little if any, now vigor was given the vines by this moisture—and our grapes did not crack. My theory is that if the vines are kept growing by cultivation and not allowed to dry out the fruit will not take on enough of the vigor given it by the early rains to crack, at least ours were in no way affected by the rains last season, which was the

HELP FOR COUNTRY EDITORS

Portland Oregonian: One would think there was an old country editor in the Post office Department, making laws and regulations, a good fellow of the Tom Richardson order, who is bound to give the boys a boost and bring them in to their reward. He must be a man of experience with the frailties of the delinquent subscriber, that terror of the editor and despair of the editor's wife, who in most cases is the financial "man" of the firm. For lo, and behold, comes the ruling that papers, to get into the pound rate, must hereafter be paid for by subscribers in advance, or at least cannot run more than a year behind. Well, why not? All the prosperous city publications adopted the rule years ago, and it should be enforced by the country weekly as a matter of plain business.

If ever the laborer is worthy of his hire, it is the editor and publisher of the local weekly, plugging and boosting year in and out for his home town and county, often worried into sleepless nights by visions of bills due and payable and nothing on hand or in sight to meet them. It is safe to venture saying there is not a country paper in the land that has not, at this date from \$500 to \$1000 on its books, owing by "good fellows," most of whom are honest of purpose, yet careless and shiftless about paying up. These same "good fellows" have plenty of money on their days, and when they attend the county fair or other public diversion, or when they think of it at all, say to themselves they will pay some day. They meet the newspaper man with a cordial shake of the hand and compliment him on the good work he is doing, but that is all, while he wonders if the Creator gave some men a double allowance of gall. In mistaken fear he hesitates to out them on it. The day of deliverance is at hand; henceforth the sign goes up "Cash up and no grumbling."

WILL BUILD FIVE COTTAGES

Edgar Hafer, manager of the Iowa Lumber & Box Company, also one of the present owners of the Pacific & Eastern railroad, is right now laying plans for the erection of four or five five-room cottages in the Palm addition, in North Medford, these to be built by the company, upon property they own, and when built will be for sale.

Mr. Hafer upon being asked as to what plans had been made for operating the Pacific & Eastern railroad, stated that at this time no definite announcements could be made, any more than that we might state that the road would be operated as before just as soon as the weather would permit them to put the track and road in shape for traffic. He also stated that, in all probabilities, more rolling stock would be put on during the early spring months.

The one thing which is most bothering the new railroad owners is—how are they to get into Medford with their road—that is, how will they reach the center of the city, or the Southern Pacific freight depot. This can only be done by franchise to construct their line over some one of our streets. About the only way they could get in would be to run south from near their main line over O street to near the old green house property and then swing west one block, and from there south on D street to the S. P. depot. A plan is also mapped out for the track to run still on south to 12th street and then west on 12th to the west boundaries of the city limits. The object in asking this franchise to extend beyond the S. P. depot is that in all probability the P. & E. will, in the near future, extend its line to the Blue Ledge copper mine.

With regard to a rumor current which is in substance that the Iowa Lumber & Box Company would move its box factory to some other place than Medford Mr. Hafer stated that there was no truth whatsoever in the rumor—said the factory would re-

DR. RED BY WILL LIFT LID—PERHAPS

Salem, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special)—A big surprise was sprung today when Mayor J. F. Reddy, of Medford, filed an initiative petition for a constitutional amendment, which, if adopted, will result in many "open towns" in Oregon. His measure proposes an amendment to the section of the constitution relative to municipal corporations. The purpose is to give cities exclusive authority to license, regulate or suppress race tracks, poolrooms, theaters, saloons and similar places. The effect of this amendment, if adopted, would be to divest Sheriffs and District Attorneys of the power to suppress poolrooms, Sunday saloons and Sun-day theaters and give municipal authorities power to run a town as wide open as they desire. The constitution now provides that city charters must be "subject to the constitution and criminal laws of the state." The amendment proposed by Mr. Reddy leaves out this important clause.

Though the petition for the proposed amendment has been circulated and bears over 800 signatures, it has not been generally known that such a move was on foot. Mr. Reddy also filed an argument in support of his measure, the substance of which is that the conditions in one part of the state are not similar to those in another and that each city should have power to regulate its own affairs.

Mr. Reddy's measure proposes to amend section 2, article 9 of the constitution, so as to read as follows:

Corporations may be founded under general laws but shall not be created by the legislative assembly by special laws. The legislative assembly shall not enact, amend or repeal any charter or act of incorporation for any municipality, city or town. The legal voters of every city and town are hereby granted power to enact and amend their municipal charters and the executive power to license, regulate, control and tax, or to suppress or prohibit theaters, race tracks, pool rooms, bowling alleys, billiard halls, and the sale of liquors subject to the provisions of the local option law of the State of Oregon, within the corporate limits of any municipality is vested in such municipality.

The section at present reads as follows:

Corporations may be framed under general laws, but shall not be created by the Legislative Assembly by special laws. The Legislative Assembly shall not enact, amend or repeal any charter or act of incorporation for any municipality, city or town. The legal voters of every city and town are hereby granted power to enact and amend their municipal charters, subject to the constitution and criminal law of the State of Oregon.

"Who is back of this measure?" Mr. Reddy was asked, when seen at the Willamette Hotel this evening.

"I am and a number of other people," he replied.

"Who are some of the other people?"

"Well, I wouldn't care to give their names for publication. People who believe that a city should govern its own affairs are back of it."

"Is it favored by the Mayors of other cities besides Medford?"

"I think it is. We don't like to have county officers meddling in matters that relate to city affairs. But, I don't want to go into an extended discussion of the measure. I filed a brief in support of it."

"Will the churches support the proposed amendment?" Mr. Reddy was asked.

"I think they ought to if they are fair and believe in home rule," he responded with considerable earnestness.

"Will the gambling element support the measure was naturally the next inquiry.

"I don't know; I haven't thought about that."

"Would the effect of this amendment be to avoid the decision of the Oregon Supreme Court which declared pool-selling to be public nuisance?"

"Well, now you are going too deep. That is a question I don't want to discuss for publication."

So far as Mr. Reddy will disclose, he alone is sponsor for the proposed amendment. A. Crofton, formerly manager of the Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association, was in the city today, but it was announced that he was here in connection with the Seafert fishery bill, and there is no indication that he has any connection with Mayor Reddy's amendment.

Notice.

Parties owing lots in Butte Falls townsite can make payments to J. A. Perry, trustee, at his office in Medford, Oregon. 1-31



JOHN R. KNODELL,
Who Speaks Saturday and Sunday Nights on
THE SALOON and BUSINESS

case in some other vineyards, and which has been the case pretty nearly every year heretofore. Our place (the old Peter Elmer place) may be especially adapted to this kind of fruit, but I don't know about that. However, if we can always grow as good grapes as we did last season we will be satisfied—whether especially suited or not."

Excursion to Southern California.

Some forty have already signified their intention of taking the trip to Los Angeles. Round trip rate will be \$21.55, which is a trifle over one fare or the round trip, thirty days in the limit of the tickets but no return is given unless you return sooner if they do. The present plan is to go south by way of San Francisco via the Seaside Coast route, arriving via Bakersfield and Fresno. This route is not limited to Medford, neighboring cities are invited to join. As the time is getting short leave your name at the S. P. depot, Medford. It is expected to leave Medford, February 8 10:35 a.m. Remember the rate \$21.55 for the round trip.

City Bonds Sold.

At the meeting of the city council Saturday night pursuant to adjournment from Monday night, all members were present excepting Mayor Reddy and Councilman Hafer.

The business of the meeting was the opening of bids for the purchase of \$25,000 of general fund bonds, bearing 6 per cent interest and running ten years without option of redemption. The following bids were received: H. Collins & Sons, of Chicago, \$1150 and accrued interest to the time of delivery of the bonds; John Neavin, of Chicago, \$50 premium; MacDonald, McCoy & Co., of Chicago, \$1150 and accrued interest; A. J. Hood & Co., Detroit, \$25 premium and accrued interest. Mr. Neavin's bid of \$1150 and accrued interest was accepted.

The council then adjourned to Thursday, January 31st.

Ritter & Dunlap's is the only place in town where you can get coupons with every clear shirt.

main in Medford. He also stated that the company would put on additional and experienced help for the management of the local lumber yards here, and that he and Mr. Theilroff would give their attention to the box factory and the saw mill.

Order of the Post Office Department.

Post cards and Postal cards mailed under cover of sealed envelopes, transparent or otherwise, are chargeable with postage at the first class rate—two cents an ounce or fraction thereof. If enclosed in unsealed envelopes, they are subject to postage according to the character of the message—at first class rate is wholly or partly in writing, or third class rate if entirely in print—and postage should be fixed to the envelope covering the same. Postage stamps affixed to such cards enclosed in envelopes having an opening exposing the stamps cannot be recognized in payment of postage thereon.

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